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#### THE TRANSPACIFIC CABLE.

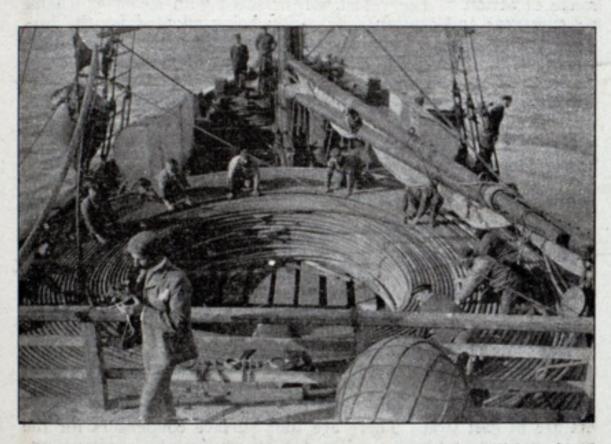


N SUNDAY morning, Dec. 14, the cable that joins together the United States and the Hawaiian Islands was successfully brought ashore near San Francisco and spliced to the land end of the wire. The ocean beach to the west of San Francisco presented several difficulties, the principal being the strong tides and currents, the shoal water

Friday, Dec. 12, by the cable ship Silvertown to get the cable ashore.

On Saturday the cable steamer cut off a piece of the cable 6½ miles in length and coiled it up on the deck of the steamer Newsbov, which, being of light draught, could approach much nearer to the shore than the Silvertown. The Newsboy steamed out of San Francisco harbor shortly after 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, Dec. 14, under the command of Chief Cable Engineer H. Benest, who is a sailor as well as an engineer. Soon after 7 o'clock the Newsboy dropped anchor about ½ mile to the south of Cliff House and about 1/3 mile from the ocean beach to the west of the city of San Francisco.

The morning was bright and the weather favorable. The surf rolled in gently and broke lazily near the shore. A boat of the United States life saving station was rowed out through the



The Cable on the Newsboy.

breakers, conveying a light line, one end of which was passed to the Newsboy. On this was bent a heavier line to which the cable was attached. At 9:15 the end of the cable, with a balloon buoy attached to it, was dropped into the ocean and a team of twelve horses began to haul it ashore. As the cable was paid out from the Newsboy, balloon buoys were attached to it at intervals of 10 fathoms, seventeen of them intervening between the vessel and the outer line of breakers. The cable had come within 200 ft. of the beach when it was stopped, as Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Pacific Commercial Cable Co., Mr. H. E. Gage, governor of the state of California, and his daughter, Miss Lucille Gage, who was to christen the cable had not arrived.

Shortly before 10 o'clock these important persons reached the shore and the end of the cable was at once dragged out of the ocean on to the sandy beach. Miss Lucille Gage, dressed in light blue and carrying a big bunch of lilies and chrysanthemums, was led down to the water's edge by Mr. Mackay. Breaking a bottle of California champagne on the cable she christened it with the words: "To the memory of Mr. John W. Mackay, I christen thee Pacific cable. Good luck to thee! May you always carry messages of happiness!"

Even on this second occasion a mishap was narrowly averted. Just as Mr. Benert was about to leave the Newsboy and come ashore to take part in the festivities, it was observed that the strong tide running against the cable was causing the Newsboy's anchor to drag and threatened to double the cable up under the vessel's stern and kink it. At the chief engineer's command the anchors were weighed and the Newsboy steamed out to sea at full speed, straightening out the cable and drawing it taut again.

As soon as possible after the landing of the cable Mr. Mackay sent the following message to the president of the United States:

"Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, Washington, D. C.—I have the honor to inform you that the end of the Honolulu cable was successfully brought on shore this morning, Governor Gage being present.—C. H. Mackay, president of the Pacific Commercial Cable Co."

While the work of splicing the two ends of the cable was in progress, Mr. Mackay, Governor Gage and Mr. Eugene Schmitz, mayor of San Francisco, made short speeches, that of Mr. Mackay being almost inaudible and very brief. Meanwhile the steamer Newsboy was making her way out to the cable ship Silvertown, paying out the 61/2 miles of cable as she went. When all was paid out the end was attached to an anchor buoy and dropped overboard till the Silvertown should be ready to pick it up and begin the work of splicing it to the main cable. It was past 6 o'clock in the evening when the work was finished and the Silvertown started on her voyage to the Hawaiian islands. At 8:55 p. m. a message from the chief cable engineer to Mr. Mackay announced that all was well. Throughout the whole trip the cable was tested day and night in a hut built on the sand hills about two blocks distant from the spot where the cable was brought ashore. The Silvertown reached Hawaii in safety and the first message from the islands to the United States was sent a few days ago.

#### STEEL CORPORATION'S PROFIT-SHARING PLAN.

The United States Steel Corporation comes pretty close to social democracy. Since it is now owned by over 50,000 persons it is not a far-fetched simile to compare it to an institution owned wholly by the people. This multiplicity of ownership lends point to the remark of Mr. Morgan that he had smashed a trust, not made one. He was referring to the Carnegie company, which, by its aggression, was fast approaching a state of absolute dominion. The latest proposition of the Steel Corporation to include its 168,000 employes among its stockholders emphasizes its democratic side. There has been observed in some labor quarters opposition to this plan, which, however, but exhibits the lamentable intellectual attitude of certain labor leaders. The proposition of the Steel Corporation is the fairest that has ever been made by a business organization to its employes. It practically promises, as nearly as any industrial enterprise can promise, a return of 16 per cent. upon the investment. The various class of employes are permitted to subscribe to the preferred stock of the corporation at \$82.50, and as these shares pay 7 per cent. annual dividends, the interest is a small fraction less than 81/2 per cent. on the investment. The subscriber may pay for the stock he takes within three years, meanwhile drawing dividends, and if he chooses to discontinue payments and withdraw he can have back what he has paid in and keep the difference between the 5 per cent. charged on the deferred payments and the 7 per cent. earned by the stock. In addition, if he will hold his stock for five years and annually during that period exhibit it, continuing steadily in the employ of the company meanwhile, he will receive a bonus of \$5.00 per share per annum, which is in itself nearly 7 per cent, on the original investment.

The plan inviting officers and employes to participate is divided into two parts. Part I prescribes that from the earnings of the corporation during 1902 there will be set aside at least \$2,000,000, and as much more as is needed, for the purchase of at least 25,000 shares of preferred stock, which will be offered to employes of the corporation and constituent companies. The officers and employes are classed according to their salaries as follows: Class A will include all those who receive salaries of \$20,000 a year or over; class B, \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year; class C, \$5,000 to \$10,000; class D, \$2,500 to \$5,000; class E, \$800 to \$2,500; Class F will include all those who receive salaries of \$300 a year or less. The preferred stock will be offered to any employe during January at \$82.50 a share. Employes can subscribe for an amount of stock not exceeding the sum represented by a certain percentage of their annual salaries, as shown in this table: Class A, 6 per cent.; B, 8 per cent.; C, 10 per cent.; D, 12 per cent.; E, 15 per cent.; F, 20 per cent.

In part 2 of the plan it is explained that the corporation has been and is now making changes in the salaries of men occupying official or semi-official positions, and the directors have approved these recommendations of the finance committee: If \$80,000,000 and less than \$90,000,000 is earned by the corporation during 1903, I per cent. shall be set aside; if over \$90,000,000 and less than \$100,000,000 is earned, 1.2 per cent.; if \$100,000,000 and less than \$110,000,000, 1.4 per cent.; if \$110,000,000 and less than \$120,000,000, 1.6 per cent.; if \$120,000,000 and less than \$130,000,000, 1.8 per cent.; if \$130,000,000,000 and less than \$140,000,000, 2 per cent.; if \$140,000,000 and less than \$150,000,000,000 and less than \$150,000,000,000 and less than \$150,000,000,000,2½ per cent.; if \$150,000,000,000 and less than \$150,000,000,000,2½ per cent.

#### THE TWO NEW CUNARDERS.

The Fairfield Company will Build one and Vicker's Sons & Maxim the Other-Some Important Launches-Completion of Admiralty Program-Scottish Ship Building News.

(From Special Glasgow Correspondent.)

Glasgow, Dec. 24.—It is now decided that one of the two new Cunarders shall be built by the Fairfield Ship Building & Engineering Co., Ltd., Glasgow, and the other by Vickers Sons & Maxim, Ltd., Barrow. Glasgow is directly interested in both contracts, because with the Vickers company are associated William Beardmore & Co. Ltd. Glasgow, makers of steel ship plates, propeller shafting, etc. The Fairfield company built the Campania and Lucania and are well up in work of the kind. These new boats, however, are the biggest job that any ship builder has yet done and they will cost about £1,000,000 each. The length of the new Cunarders is to be 750 ft., or 50 ft. longer than any vessel now afloat. The beam of 76 ft. is only I ft. greater than that of the big "C's" of the White Star fleet, and compares with the 72 ft. of the Kaiser Wilhelm II., the 68 ft. of the Oceanic, and the 67 ft. of the Deutschland. The new Cunarders will work out about 30,000 tons, as against Celtic 20,-904; Kaiser Wilhelm II., 20,000; Oceanic, 17,274; Deutschland, 16,502. It is, however, in engine power and speed that the greatest difference will exist between the new and the existing liners. In the German vessels the highest engine power is 40,000, enabling them to steam at an average speed of rather over 23 knots an hour. The Cunarders Campania and Lucania have engines of 28 000 I. H. P. and a speed of 22 knots. The new liners will have engines of 58,000 I. H. P. and a speed of 25 knots.

The conditions on which these additions are being made to the Cunard fleet are thus explained by Lord Inverclyde, the chairman: First-The Cunard company are to build two large steamers for the Atlantic trade of high speed. Second-The agreement is to remain in force for twenty years from the completion of the second of these vessels. Third-The Cunard company pledges itself until the expiry of the agreement to remain a purely British undertaking, and that under no circumstances shall the management of the company be in the hands of, or the shares of the vessels or the company held by other than British subjects. Fourth-During the currency of the agreement the Cunard company is to hold at the disposal of the government the whole of its fleet, including the two new vessels and all other vessels as built, the government being at liberty to charter or purchase all or any such vessels at agreed rates. Fifth—The Cunard company also undertakes not to unduly raise freights or to give any preferential rates to foreigners. Sixththe government is to lend the money for the construction of the two new vessels, charging interest at 23/4 per cent. per annum. The security for the loan is to be a first charge on the two new vessels, the present fleet and the general assets of the Cunard company. Seventh-The Cunard company is to repay the loan by annual payments extending over twenty years. Eighth -From the time the new vessels begin to run the government is to pay the Cunard company at the rate of £150,000 per annum instead of the present admiralty subvention.

This subvention, it may be remarked, is a good deal smaller than that recommended by our admiralty, which has been inquiring about the whole subject of merchant cruisers, and which

has just reported to the following effect:

"We have inquired carefully into the initial cost of vessels possessing a speed of 20 knots, and up to 26 knots, and also into the amount of annual subsidy which would be required by a commercial company towards making good the loss which would be sustained in peace time by running such vessels. These costs may be provided either by:

"I. The admiralty guaranteeing a sum representing the first cost of each ship; thus enabling a ship owner to raise the capital at 3 per cent., instead of 5 per cent. which he would otherwise have to pay.

"2. The contribution on the part of the admiralty of a lump sum towards the first cost of the ship thereby reducing the outlay

on the part of the ship owner.

"3. An annual payment extending over an agreed period of

years.

"Adopting the principle of an annual payment, we subjoin in a tabular form our estimates of the first cost of ships having a speed of from 20 to 26 knots, and of the subsidy, which we believe will be found necessary:

Average ocean speed Knots.	First cost building, etc.	Engine power. I. H. P.	Annual subsidy.
20	350,000	19,000	9,000
21	400,000	22,000	19,000
22	470,000	25,000	40,000
23	575,000	30,000	67,500
24	850,000	40,000	110,500
25	1,000,000	52,000	149,000
26	1,250,000 .	68,000	204,000

"It is possible that hereafter the first cost of such ships and their running cost may be diminished to some extent by inventions for using oil fuel, turbine engines, etc., etc., but for the present purpose these cannot be taken into consideration."

#### A BIG PROTECTED CRUISER.

The London & Glasgow Engineering & Ship Building Co., Ltd., launched from its Glasgow yard recently, the new first-class cruiser Cumberland, the second of the pair they have built for the British admiralty. Owing to a severe frost having stiffened the grease on the ways the launch was a slow one, occupying about 190 seconds. The following are the principal dimensions of the Cumberland:

Length between perpendiculars	440 ft.
Moulded breadth	66 ft.
Load draught	24 ft.6 in.
Displacement at load draught	9,800 tons.

She is of the protected type of cruiser, her armor consisting of a belt between main and lower or protective deck, extending from the bows to the aft end of the machinery space, where it terminates against an armored bulkhead. The main citadel armor is carried the whole length of the engine and boiler space, and is 41/8 in. thick; forward of the boiler space the armor is reduced to 3 in. thick, and about the bows to 2 in., while the bulkhead armor is 3 in. thick. The lower or protective deck is of two thicknesses, built in the usual whaleback form for this class of deck, the thickness varying from 2 in. outside of the range of armor to 34 in. inside of that protection. The main deck, formin~ a crown to the armored portion of the vessel, is also of two thicknesses. and is generally 11/4 in. thick. These two decks, with the side and bulkhead armor, form a thorough protection to the machinery and other vital parts of the vessel. In internal arrangements the Cumberland is divided into numerous watertight compartments, the magazines and shell-rooms being provided for at the ends of the vessel well under the water line, while the coal bunkers are carried along each side of vessel, forming an additional protection of the machinery space. These are fitted with all the most approved appliances for coaling the vessel rapidly. The normal coal capacity of the vessel is about 800 tons, but by utilizing the reserve spaces this capacity can be increased to 1,600 tons, which will give the vessel a very extended range of action. The vessel will be fitted with steam and hand steering gear and capstan gear, steam being adopted for the forward anchors, while electricity is the motive power aft. Four sets of engines and dynamos will be fitted, of suitable power to produce the current necessary for a complete installation of electric lighting throughout the vessel, including six search lights, the boat and coal hoists, ten ammunition hoists, the after capstan gear, and the necessary electric fans for the artificial ventilation of the ship below lower deck.

The Cumberland is designed to have a speed of 25 knots. The machinery, supplied by the builders, consists of two sets of triple-expansion four-crank engines, each set being arranged in pairs having the cranks of each pair directly opposite to each other, and the cranks of the forward pair placed at right angles to those of the aft pair. The diameters of the cylinders and the order of their positions from forward are: Low-pressure, 69 in.; high-pressure, 37 in.; intermediate-pressure, 60 in.; low-pressure, 69 in.; all have a stroke of 42 in. The combined power of the two sets of main engines will amount to 22,000 I. H. P. when running at 140 revolutions per minute. All the cylinders are fitted with steam jackets. The liners of the high-pressure and intermediatepressure are of forged steel and those in the low-pressure cylinders are of cast iron. There are four surface condensers for the main engines and two smaller condensers for the auxiliary engines. Each of the four main condensers is provided with sluice shut-off valves, so that any part of one may be overhauled while the other is at work. The total condensing surface in the four is 23,000 sq. ft. All of the condenser casings are of gun metal. The condensing water is supplied by four centrifugal pumps. each capable of serving two condensers. The air pumps for the main engines are worked by levers off the high-pressure engines. and there is one pump for each set of engines. There are six main and auxiliary feed pumps, two hot-well pumps, four fire and bilge pumps, one latrine, and one drain tank pump. main circulating pumps, together with fire and bilge pumps, give a total pumping capacity of 5,200 tons of water per hour from the bilges. The crank, intermediate, and propeller shafting is all of the usual admiralty type made by the Darlington Forge Co.

In addition to the main engines and auxiliary pumps in the engine-rooms, there are two sets of evaporators. Each set consists of two evaporators and one distiller, the combined output of which will amount to 200 tons per twenty-four hours from evaporators and 70 tons per twenty-four hours from distillers. These are designed to work with the exhaust steam of the auxiliary system at a pressure of 25 lbs. per square inch, or with boiler steam at the same pressure. The air compressors, of which there are two sets, are placed forward in the capstan en-The boilers are of the ordinary Belleville type, gine-room. with economizers and are thirty-one in number, arranged in three boiler rooms. The forward set in each boiler room is of the singleended and the after set of the double-ended type. As they have to work under assisted draught, there are four fans and one furnace air pump in each boiler room. For ventilating purposes there are two fans in each engine room.

The armament will consist of two twin 6-in guns forward and aft in barbettes, four 6 in. guns in casemates on upper deck, and six similar guns in casemates on main deck, eight 12-pounder 12-

cwt. guns, two 12-pounder 8-cwt. boat and field guns, three 3pounder quick-firing guns, and eight Maxim guns, in addition to which the vessel is fitted with two submerged tubes, one on either side, for the discharge of 18-in. Whitehead torpedoes. The large guns are so arranged that a heavy fire may be maintained in any desired direction. The barbettes around the 6-in twin guns are of 4-in. armor and are well connected to the structure of the ship and efficiently supported, while the ammunition to these guns is served through heavy armored trunks from magazines and shell-rooms below. The casemate fronts are of hard steel, 4 in. thick, with rear plates 2 in. thick; and the conning tower, fitted above forecastle, is of 10-in. thick armor, with a communicating tube 6 in. thick carried down to the protective deck containing the connections to all the gear throughout the ship. side, bulkhead, casemate, and conning-tower armor is supplied by John Brown & Co., Ltd., and the barbettes by William Beardmore & Co. The vessel will have two masts with the customary light fore-and-aft rig, each mast being provided with a platform, well elevated to carry a search-light.

#### POWERFUL SUCTION DREDGER.

Wm. Simons & Co. Ltd., Renfrew, launched, a few days ago, with engines and boilers on board complete, a large and powerful twin-screw suction pump dredger called the Nautilus, having a hopper capacity for 2,500 tons of sand, constructed for the government of Natal. The dredger is 287 ft. long, 46 ft. 6 in. molded breadth, and 18 ft. 6 in. molded depth. The centrifugal sand suction pumps, two in number, are capable of raising about 4,000 tons of sand per hour from a depth of 40 ft. below water level. The large main suction pipe, 44 in. internal diameter, is fitted in a central well at the fore part of the ship, and is controlled by powerful hydraulic gear fitted on the upper deck. This pipe is connected to both pumps, and is fitted with an arrangement of flexible joints for preventing damage when the dredger is working on the bar at Durban, the lower end of the suction pipe being so arranged that the vessel can plunge about in a 25-ft. radius without disturbing the nozzle on the ground. The vessel is propelled by two sets of triple-expansion engines, fitted with all the most up-to-date appliances for efficiency and economy. Steam is supplied from three steel boilers of the Scotch type built for 180 lbs. working pressure and of ample power for the duty required. The boilers are fitted with an efficient arrangement for equalizing the temperature, and are designed to give a high evaporative efficiency. The vessel is supplied with two 33-in. suction pumps, each driven by one set of triple-expansion surface-condensing marine engines. auxiliary condenser and separate combined air and circulating pump are provided for dealing with the exhaust steam from the The combined power of the propelling, auxiliary engines. pumping, and auxiliary engines on board is about 4,000 I. H. P. The Nautilus will run official trials during the early part of next week, and will immediately afterwards be got ready for the voyage to South Africa.

#### LAST ORDER UNDER NAVAL PROGRAM.

It has been decided that the first-class armored cruiser belonging to this year's navy program shall be built by the Thames Iron Works Co. and named the Black Prince. It is a sister ship to the Duke of Edinburgh, laid down in Pembroke dock yard, and will be engined by Hawthorn, Leslie & Co. of Newcastle. These ships are the first desirned by the new director of naval construction, Mr. Philip Watts, and in them there is an important departure from the arrangement adopted in the armored cruisers of recent years. They will not have casemates but a citadel will extend for about three-fifths of the length of the vessel. The side-plating will be of 6 in. cemented armor from about 5 ft. below the waterline right up to the main deck. On the waterline there will be, forward and abaft the citadel to the bow and the stern, armor plating tapering from 4 in. to 3 in. in thickness and the usual armored bulkheads will form the bow and stern 'thwartship walls of the citadel. The armored deck will be curved to the bottom of the side plating, increasing the protection on the broadside. At each corner of the citadel will be mounted a 9.2-in. 27ton gun, and there will be mounted a gun of the same caliber forward of the citadel and another abaft the citadel. Those two will have gun-houses of 6-in armor protecting the gun mountings and other mechanism with an armored floor and an armored ammunition tube. The arrangement will enable three 9.2-in. guns to fire ahead and three to fire astern without interfering with either's sighting. There will be mounted ten quick-fire 6-in. caliber guns, five on each broadside, upon the main deck between the 9.2-in. guns at the ends of the citadel. The battery of six 27-ton and ten 6-in. quick-fire guns makes these two ships the most formidable cruisers yet constructed. Hitherto our larger ships have had only two 9.2-in. guns, one for bow and Although the displacement the other for stern chasing. tonnage of the Duke of Edinburgh is less than that of the Drake, 13,500 tons, as compared with 14,100 tons) there is an increase in the weight of shot which may be fired per minute of from 15,840 lbs. to 17,120 lbs. and in the total collective muzzle energy from 766,720 to 828,800 foot tons. The machinery is to be of the triple-expansion type, with one cylinder of 431/2 in. a second of 69 in. and two others of 77 in. diameter the stroke being 42 in. The engine power of 23,500 I. H. P. is expected to be realized when the engines are making 135 revolutions. The speed

of the ships will be 22½ knots. There will be in each ship twenty Babcock & Wilcox boilers, having 51,000 sq. ft. of heating surface and 1,400 sq. ft. of grate area, along with six cylindrical boilers with 11,250 sq. ft. of heating surface and 360 sq. ft. of grate. In one of the ships the tank boilers will be fitted with Howden's forced draft. The boiler pressure will be 210 lbs. and the initial pressure at the engines 205 lbs.

The placing of this contract finishes the work to be given out to builders under this year's program. The single battleship ordered has gone to the Clyde, namely, the Hindustan of 16,350 tons and 18,000 I. H. P., ordered from John Brown & Co. of Clydebank. The first-class armored cruiser will come from the Thames; one third-class cruiser from Elswick, and another from Laird Bros. of Birkenhead. The four scouts have been orderedone each from Fairfield, Elswick, Vickers and Laird. Of the nine torpedo boat destroyers, which are to be of 251/2 knots speed, four were ordered on the Tyne-two from Palmer's company and two from Hawthorn, Leslie & Co. Two similar vessels are ordered from Laird of Birkenhead, two from Yarrow of London and one from Thorneycroft of London. Four torpedo boats have been ordered from White of Cowes and four submarine boats from Vickers Sons & Maxim, while machinery for the dock yard battleship has been ordered from Humphreys, Tennant & Co. of London, and for the dock yard cruiser from Hawthorn, Leslie & Co., Newcastle. The Clyde has got the 16,350-ton battleship and a 3,000-ton scout; the Tyne has orders for the 23,500-I. H. P.

#### CHANGES IN NAVAL TECHNICAL DEPARTMENTS.

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scout and four destroyers; the Vickers company has a scout and four submarine boats; Laird brothers a scout, a third-class cruiser

and two torpedo boat destroyers; the Thames, the 18,000-I. H. P.

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Among changes which the admiralty is making in the naval technical departments is a re-arrangement of the engineer's branch. A new office is to be created, and Mr. H. J. Oram will in the future be assistant engineer-in-chief to Sir John Durston, who hitherto has had no deputy, Mr. Oram having acted as assistant in technical matters only. Hereafter he will be assistant to the engineer-in-chief and he will be succeeded in his present post by Mr Robert Mayston, who has for many years been engineer of Devonport dock yard and of Keyham Institution for training the young engineers of the navy. Mr. R. H. Andrews, the chief at Sheerness, will succeed Mr. Mayston at Devonport. Mr. Oram has not only had sea and practical experience, but is recognized as one of the foremost authorities on the theoretical or scientific questions associated with steam machinery. In the constructive department Mr. rhilip Watts as director of naval construction is to be relieved by the creation of a new officer, superintendent of ship contracts, who will have under his control the carrying out of all contract ship building, and need only confer with the director on important questions affecting the design of the vessel being built. There will be a large electrical department with a chief having assistants at all the dock yards as well as at the admiralty, and he will relieve not only the director of naval construction, but also the director of dock yards of many of the details connected with the electric designs and equipment for war ships and also for electrically driving the dock yard machinery.

#### H. C. FRICK AND THE STEEL CORPORATION.

It is the custom of the newspapers to identify Mr. H. C. Frick with every new steel enterprise that is started or about to be started, notwithstanding the fact that his primary interest is with the United States Steel Corporation. The newspapers also delight to speak of him as the probable successor of Mr. Charles M. Schwab, regardless of his many other interests, which are absorbing his time. Last week Mr. Frick took occasion to pay some attention to these reports. He said:

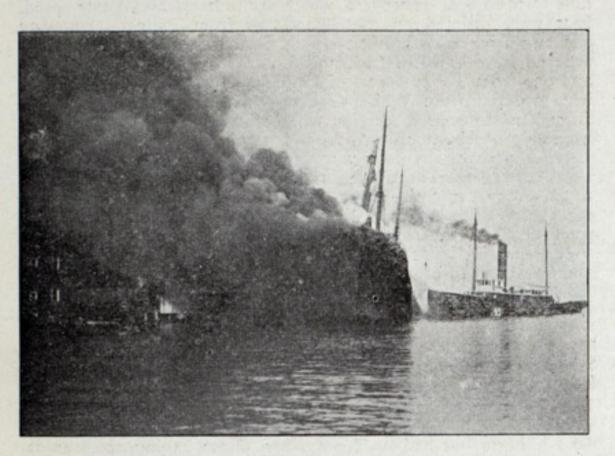
"I am much averse to newspaper interviews, but my name has been so persistently used in connection with positions in the United States Steel Corporation that I rather welcome the opportunity of making this statement. I have retired from active business, and nothing would induce me to take any position that could claim my time from my own affairs. I am a director in the United States Steel Corporation, besides being a large stockholder, and am very much interested in its success, and while I am willing to give all the time and attention required of me as a director I could not accept any position that required my daily and exclusive attention."

#### GRAIN IS NOT THE BIG ITEM OF FREIGHT.

Total grain receipts at the head of the lakes for the calendar year 1902 are reported as 63,056,646 bu., against 64,251,654 bu. in 1901. Not all of this grain was shipped eastward by lake, but for the purpose of showing that the vessel interests should not look upon Duluth grain as a big item compared with iron ore and coal, when they are making calculations as to freights, let it be admitted that all the grain received during 1902—in round numbers 63,000,000 bu.—went out by lake. The weight of this grain would be about 1,650,000 tons, compared with more than 27,000,000 tons of iron ore and about 9,000,000 tons of coal.

#### THE EXPLOSION ON THE PROGRESO.

While the steamer Progreso was lying at a wharf at the Fulton Iron Works, San Francisco, on the morning of Dec. 3 last a terrific explosion occurred in the interior of the vessel and several men were killed. Extended accounts of the disaster were telegraphed all over the country but there was nothing definite as to the cause, which is still a matter of considerable mystery. The Progreso had just been transformed into an oil burning oil carrier. At the time of the explosion the fuel tank contained about 400 barrels of oil. The vessel had just undergone an inspection and was thought to be in perfect order. Mr. Metcalf, Lloyd's surveyor, had just examined all the tanks, save one, and that one he was to examine on the afternoon of the day that the explosion occurred. Capt. J. H. Bulger, the government inspec-



The Scene immediately after the Explosion on the Progreso.



Wreck of the Progreso amidships.

tor of hulls and boilers, had tested the boilers the day before and found them to be in perfect condition. The Progreso was to have started out on a trial as an oil burning vessel on the very day that the explosion occurred. The cause, therefore, of the explosion was enveloped in mystery. The tank for the fuel oil was separated from the boiler by over 13 ft. of space. There was a bulkhead alongside the tank and next to that was a cofferdam, 3 ft. wide, filled with water. Between the bulkhead and the boilers was a space of 10 ft. The capacity of the fuel tank was 1,946 barrels, but as stated it contained only about 400 barrels.

"There is no doubt in my mind, said Capt. Bulger after an examination, "that the explosion was caused by gas generated from the oil and was not in any way connected with the machinery. I heard that odor having permeated the ship, one of the men went below with a light to find out where the leak was."

James Spiers, Jr., general manager of the Fulton Iron Works, is also of the opinion that gas generated in a tank had caused the explosion. The cause of the explosion has been for some time a matter of careful inquiry but nothing of a definite character is known.

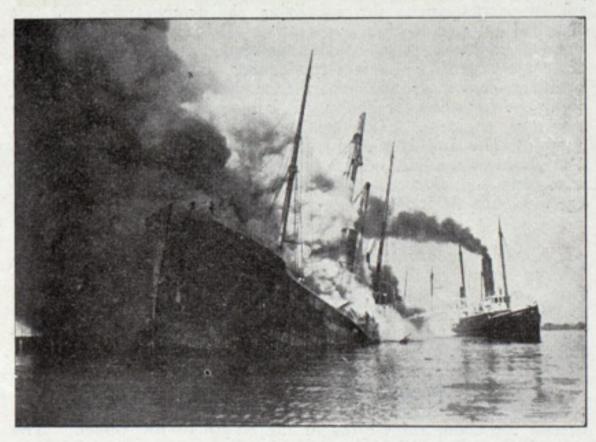
The International Mercantile Marine Co. has canceled all insurance upon the Leyland, Dominion and White Star lines. Doubtless like other great corporations it feels that it is cheaper to carry its own insurance.

#### SHIP BUILDING IN 1902.

During the calendar year 1902, 1,262 sail and steam vessels of 429,327 gross tons were built in the United States, compared with 1,322 vessels of 376,129 tons in the year 1901. This is the report of the United States bureau of navigation, E. T. Chamberlain, commissioner. The accompanying table divides the new vessels as to steel and wood, steam and sail, and also as to the several districts of the country. It will be noted that 77 per cent. of the new tonnage is steam, and that wooden vessels have dropped to a little less than 30 per cent. of the whole. On the great lakes less than 4 per cent. of a total of 158,230 tons in new vessels is of wood. There are nine steel sailing vessels of 13,345 tons in the list, but all are small with the exception of the big seven-masted schooner completed recently at the works



Showing the wreckage forward.



The Progreso sinking with a broken back.

[Photos by R. P. Dana, San Francisco, Cal.

of the Fore River Ship & Engine Co., Quincy, Mass. The tonnage of 856 vessels built on the Atlantic coast and Gulf of Mexico is 214,538, against 158,230 tons for 104 vessels built on the great lakes.

Vessels Built in the United States in 1902.

	WOOD.				STEEL.				TOTAL.	
	SAIL.		ST	STEAM.		SAIL.		STEAM.		
	No.	Gross.	No.	Gross.	No.	Gross.	No.	Gross.	No	Gross
Atlantic & gulf Porto Rico		56,240 137	271	16,382	9	13,345	62	128 571	856	214,538
Pacific Hawaii	60	27,078 15	98	10,384			3	10,970	161	48,433
Great lakes Western rivers Total	11 597	2,909 11 86,390	49 120 540	3,054 5.039 34,879	9	13,345	44 7 116	152,267 2 905 294,713	104 128	158,230 7 953 429,327

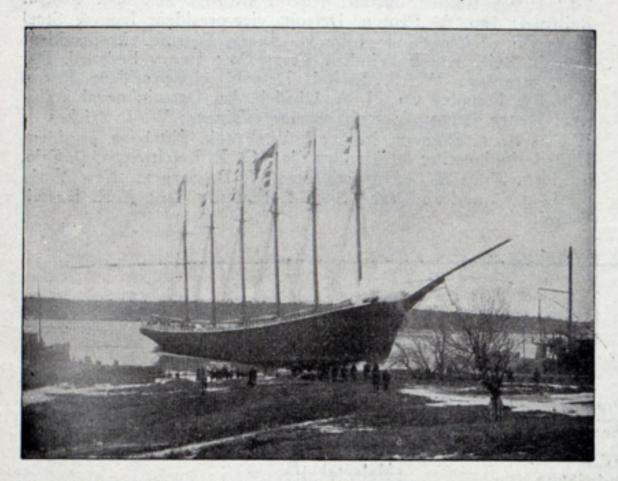
Eightv vessels of 22,463 gross tons were completed in the month of December. Of the December list the largest steel steam vessel was the Massachusetts, built by the New York Ship Building Co. of Camden, N. J., for the Atlantic Transport Line.

The navy department, Washington, D. C., will receive bids until Feb. 12 for furnishing armor for naval vessels.

#### BATH HAS HAD A BUSY YEAR.

Bath, Me., Dec. 31.—Bath has just completed another prosperous year in her ship yards, which have turned out in the twelve months ending with Dec. 31, 32,822 gross tons of vessels for the merchant marine. This is not the record, even for the past decade, but it is a good vear's work which has kept all the yards of the city well employed. It is also true that the figures do not represent the sum total of the ship building activity in the city, for the biggest yard of all, the Bath Iron Works, has been engaged this year almost exclusively on government construction, which cannot be figured in gross tons but which employs more men than all the other ship building in the city put together. The war vessels building at the Bath Iron Works aggregate more than 20,000 tons displacement and include the battleship Georgia, the cruiser Cleveland and the monitor Nevada, the latter nearly ready to be turned over to the navy department.

The year has produced no especially remarkable vessels. The largest, the six-master Addie M. Lawrence, was launched



Launch of the Addie M. Lawrence from Percy & Small's yard, Bath, Me.

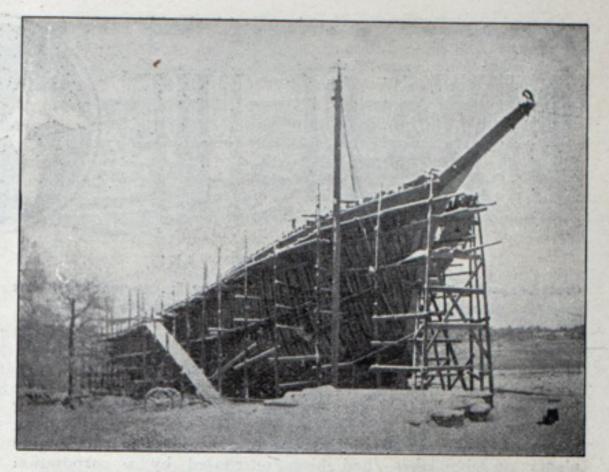
from the yard of Percy & Small in the last month of the vear. She is one of the four largest of the world's schooner fleet, but 550 tons smaller than the biggest of the six-masters, the Eleanor A. Percy of the Percy & Small fleet. The steel barge launched for the Standard Oil Co. last summer by Arthur Sewall & Co. and the five-masted steel schooner which the Sewalls are building for themselves are both unique craft in some respects, the latter the first steel schooner to be built in this city and the first with one exception in this country. Nearly all of the vessels launched during the year were schooners and barges for the coastwise trade. Several merchant steamers were built, however, the principal one being the 17-knot Ransom B. Fuller, for the Lastern Steamship Co., the finest passenger boat on the coast outside of Long Island Sound. The New England Co. built her.

An event of the year was the launching of his 100th craft by the rion. William Rogers, who is without doubt the oldest active ship builder in the country. He is over eighty and has been en-



Two schooners at New England Co.'s yard, Bath, Me.

gaged in ship building all his life. The prospects for the new year are excellent. Bath yards, exclusive of the Bath Iron Works, are under contract at the present time for more than 15,000 tons of merchant vessels and there is every indication that the figures of the year just passed will be equalled or exceeded



Schooner building at Deering's yard, Bath, Me.

before 1903 expires. The Bath Iron Works has work enough on hand to to keep the plant busy for a few years.

#### MORE SHIP SUBSIDY ARGUMENTS.

Editor Marine Review:—Japan gives the following yearly subsidies to her shipping lines: Australian line, \$260,900; Bombay line, \$88,800; Sea of Japan line, \$74,500; Hokkaido routes, \$18,900; river lines, \$12,250; while our ocean marine cuts no figure in the carrying trade of the world.

So determined are the English leaders of sentiment against the shipping subsidy movement in this country that they are willing to show temporary hostility to their own system of subsidy so long prevalent in England. It is not likely that they are in earnest in giving up a system that has made their great ocean lines what they now are—the leaders in ocean traffic.—Buffalo Evening News.

A continuance of the unfavorable trend of our foreign trade is again shown in the government statement of imports and exports for month of November. In detail they show an increase of imports of \$13,000,000 and a decrease of \$11,000,000 in exports, the result, a decrease of \$24,000,000 in the excess of our exports for the month, and \$190,000,000 decrease for the eleven months to Dec. 1. We cannot make headway in securing foreign markets while we are without ships.

In round numbers, the world's steam tonnage amounts to 25,000,000 tons, four-fifths of which is used on salt water. Over half of this latter tonnage is owned by Great Britain, while the United States comes in with but 1,270,046 tons. Most of our tonnage is engaged in the domestic trade and only eight companies of any importance—companies owning over 10,000 tons each—run their vessels in the foreign trade or in the trade to the Philippines, Hawaii or Porto Rico.

The alliance between our International Mercantile Marine Co. and the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd companies give us the use of 1,600,000 tons, or about half the tonnage required for our European trade alone. It still leaves us without American ship provision for our growing trade in the Orient.

"The policy of subsidies is the only method at the present time by which American-built steamers with American crews can obtain any considerable share of the foreign trade of the United States."—Eugene T. Chamberlain, United States commissioner of navigation.

"The problem of improved transportation facilities to foreign markets," said Lyman J. Gage in his last annual report as secretary of the treasury, "is of greater importance to the inland producing states of the union, than to the seaboard commercial cities."

The Hamburg-American line alone earns yearly \$13,000,000 in passenger and treight receipts from the foreign trade of the United States.

The steamship requirements of our trade with the several grand divisions of the world are, approximately:

	Steamers.	Gross ton
Europe	. 700	3,200,000
North America	250	400,000
Asia, Australia	. 100	400,000
Africa	. 80	380,000
South America	. 110	300,000
Tank steamers	. 70	250,000
	1,335	4,930,000

At present only 8.8 per cent. of this requirement is being covered by American vessels. To do our own business we need 20 per cent. of the world's steam tonnage employed in foreign and colonial trade.

Walter J. Ballard.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1903.



#### ANOTHER LAKE SHIP YARD.

Great Lakes Engineering Works of Detroit putting \$2.000,000 into a fine plant—Everything new and up to date—A steel floating

Dry Dock of 5,000 tons Capacity.

Another ship yard on the great lakes, a very large establishment planned in all respects on modern lines, with a floating dry dock of 5,000 tons capacity, will soon be seeking a share of the business that has kept the existing yards crowded for a long time past. When it was announced, a few months ago, that the works of S. F. Hodge & Co., one of the oldest marine engine plants on the lakes, had been purchased by a corporation known as the Great Lakes Engineering Works, it was said that the plans of the new company contemplated a large ship yard, in addition to improvements in the Hodge works. Probably a hundred steamers of the lakes, many of them among the finest that were built up to a few years ago, had received their machinery equipment at the Hodge works. The shops were still

Chicago; H. C. Potter, Jr., Detroit, vice-president State Savings Bank; C. L. Freer, Detroit; H. B. Ledyard, Detroit, president Michigan Central Railroad; Geo. H. Russel, Detroit, president State Savings Bank; H. M. Campbell. Detroit, of Russel & Campbell; W. G. Mather, Cleveland, president Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.; Henry Russel, Detroit, general attorney Michigan Central Railroad; Jno. A. Penton, Detroit, vice-president Iron & Steel Press Co. of Cleveland; John H. Avery, Detroit, vice-president Detroit, Belle Isle & Windsor Ferry Co.; Henry Ledyard, Detroit, attorney; W. S. Russel, Detroit, vice-president Russel Wheel & Foundry Co.; J. A. Ubsdell, Jr., Detroit, naval architect; Henry Penton, Detroit, marine engineer; W. J. Wickes of Wickes Bros., Saginaw, Mich.; I. W. Frank, Pittsburg, president United Engineering & Foundry Co.; O. P. Letchworth, Buffalo, president Pratt & Letchworth Co.; W. D. Sargent, New York, president American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.; J. R. Russel, Detroit.

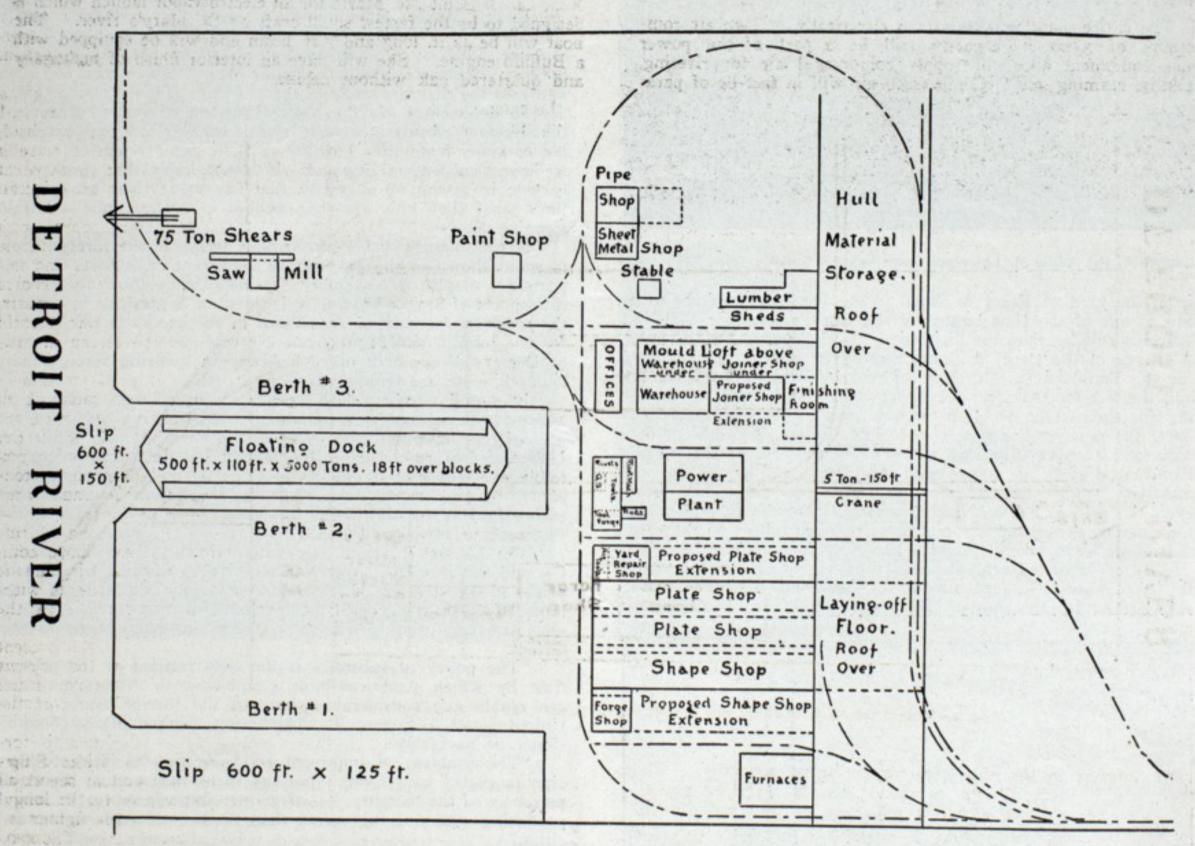


Fig. 1.—Plan of the Proposed Shipyard and Floating Dock of the Great Lakes Engineering Works, Detroit, Mich.

well equipped for the building of heavy machinery, especially of a marine kind, and it was evident that they would form a good basis for a general ship building establishment, but not until a few days ago was there any definite announcement from the officials of the new company as to their plans. They have gone along quietly getting up in their own works some of the equipment for the ship yard, and contracting for more of it, and have purchased on the Detroit river just below Smith's coal dock a tract of river front property having 85 acres of ground area. Their water frontage will be about 1,200 ft.

The capital of the original company, of which Mr. Antonio C. Pessano is president and general manager, Mr. Geo. H. Russel, vice-president, and Mr. John R. Russel, secretary and treasurer, is to be increased to \$2,000,000 on account of the ship yard undertaking. The list of stockholders is as follows: Antonio C. Pessano, president and general manager, Great Lakes Engineering works; H. W. Hoyt, vice-president Allis-Chalmers Co.,

The names of two young men very well known in lake ship building circles, and who have had a great deal to do with the building of modern lake vessels, appear in the list of stockholders and they are already engaged in equipping the ship yard. John S. Ubsdell, Jr., formerly with the Chicago works of the American Ship Building Co., will have charge of the design and construction of hulls, and Henry Penton, who was also with the Chicago works, will look after the marine engine designs. Mr. Penton's principal training was in the old Hodge works when many engines for lake ships were built there.

Especial interest will attend the construction and operation of the steel floating dry dock, as it will be very large and the only structure of its kind on the lakes. With dimensions of 500 by 100 ft., 5,000 tons capacity and 18 ft. over the blocks, this dock will take in any lake ship and will be an innovation on the Detroit river, where the conditions seem particularly suited to a floating dock. The first work at the new yard will be the

building of the dock. The design is by Clark & Stanfield, the well-known English engineers who make a specialty of floating docks. They designed the great Algiers navy dock, built recently at Sparrow's Point, Md., and their plans have in fact governed the building of nearly all the big floating docks of the world. Mr. Clark was recently in this country in consultation

with Mr. Pessano regarding details of the dock.

In a couple of rough drawings, reproduced herewith, ground plans of the new ship yard and the engine building works, the latter as it already exists, are shown. It will be noted that two slips, one 600 by 125 ft. and the other 600 by 150 ft., on which work has been started, will provide berths for three vessels of the largest type, leaving still an abundance of room on the water front for a third slip. The Michigan Central and Detroit Southern railways are tributary to the property and sidings from both will be had. The works are practically in Detroit, accessable by trolley or steam railway. The plan of the yard and the location of the different shops are quite clearly shown in one of the drawings.

DIMENSIONS OF SHOPS IN SHIP YARD PLANT.

Feet.	Feet.
Plate and shape shop150x300	Furnace shop 70x100
Mould loft50x240	Joiner shop50x140
Warehouse 100x100	Forge shop 55x60
Power plant gox100	Yard repair shop50x60
Pipe shop 50x60	Sheet metal shop50x60
Paint shop 40x50	Saw mill40x50
Tool room 40x50	Air tool room40x50
Rivet room20x40	Rivet machine room25x40
Offices40x90	100

The entire plant will be driven electrically. Two air compressors of 3,000 ft. capacity will be a part of the power house equipment and will supply compressed air for riveting, caulking, reaming ,etc. Compressed air will in fact be of paraCONTRACTS FOR BUILDINGS AND MACHINERY.

The contracts for the machinery and buildings have been awarded and are distributed as follows:

Electrical traveling gantry cranes for handling materials over the building berths awarded to the Wellman-Seaver-Morgan Engineering Co. of Cleveland.

Ten-ton traveling locomotive cranes to the Industrial Works,

Bay City, Mich.

Punches, shears, plate planers, to the Cleveland Punch & Shear Works, Cleveland.

Bending rolls and boilers to Wickes Bros., Saginaw, Mich. All the buildings of steel to the Russel Wheel & Foundry Co. of Detroit.

Overhead traveling cranes in plate and angle shops to

Northern Engineering Works of Detroit.

The engines and vertical air compressors are being built by the Great Lakes Engineering Works in their engine shops, and the floating dry dock will also be built by themselves and will be entirely of steel construction. A number of minor contracts are now being considered.

#### LAKE SHIP YARD MATTERS.

Extensive repairs are to be made at Buffalo during the winter on the steamer E. C. Pope of the Eddy-Shaw fleet. Her plank deck will be torn up and a steel one laid in its place. Machinery will also be thoroughly overhauled and improved to give the vessel additional speed.

Mr. H. T. Dunbar has placed an order with the Chippewa Boat Co. of Sault Ste. Marie for an electro-vapor launch which is designed to be the fastest small craft on St. Mary's river. The boat will be 42 ft. long and 7 ft. beam and will be equipped with a Buffalo engine. She will have an interior finish of mahogany and quartered oak without cabins.

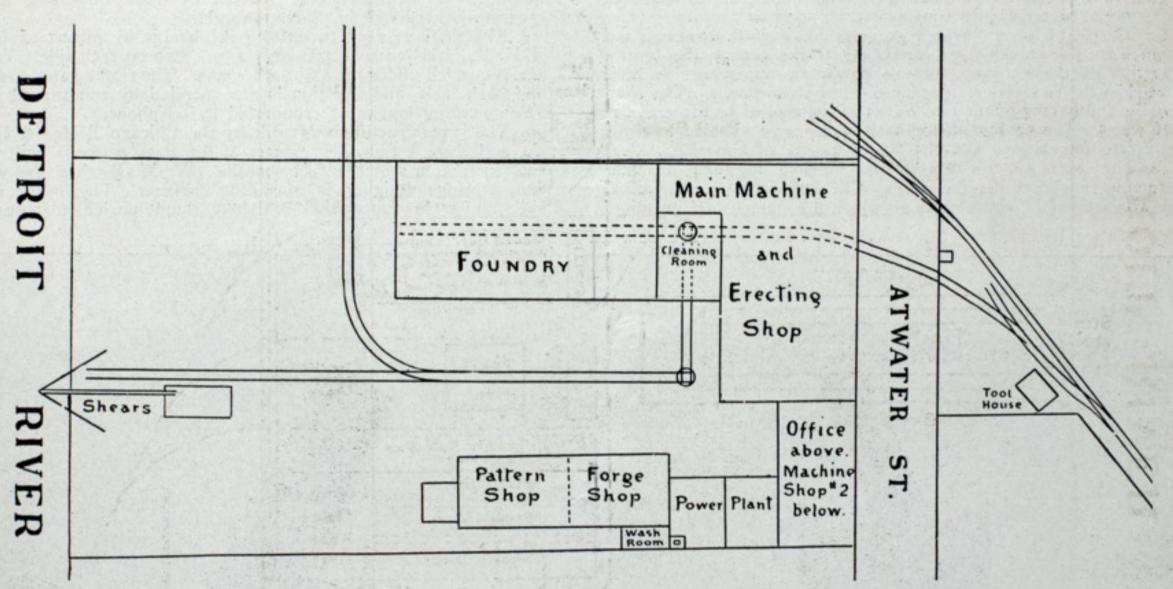


Fig. 2.-Plan of the Machine Shops and Foundry of the Great Lakes Engineering Works, Detroit, Mich.

mount interest in the ship construction work generally. The shops will be served with overhead electric traveling cranes, and each shear, punch and roll will have its own independent air lift, handling work that is directly connected with the individual machine. The stock yard, laying off floor and furnaces will be served by electric traveling cranes, and the yard service (shifting material, unloading cars, etc.) taken care of by two 10-ton locomotive traveling cranes. On the river front there will be a large 75-ton shears for lifting boilers, engines and other machinery into and out of vessels, which may be built new or may be alongside the dock for repairs.

The engine building plant, which has been crowded with work since it was taken over by the new company, is well-known to readers of the Review. Its several departments are shown in the plan. The shops are:

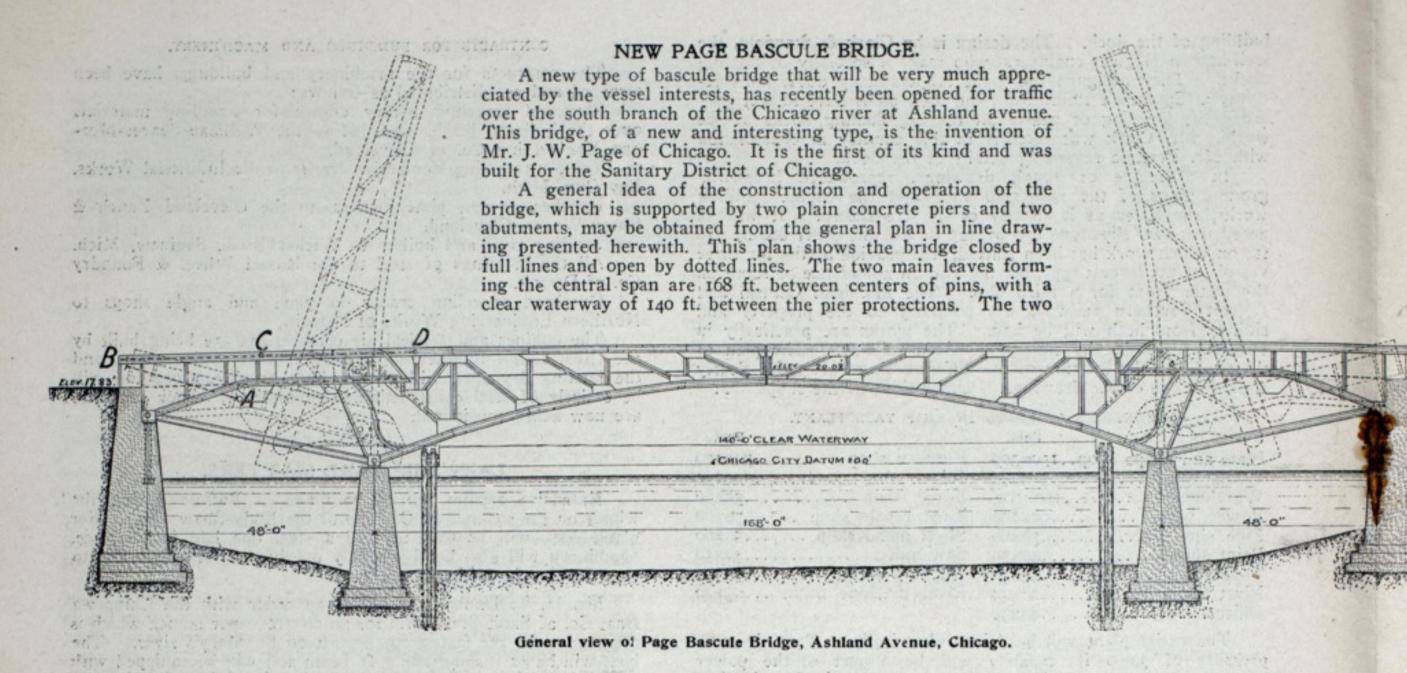
SHOPS OF ENGINE BUILDING PLANT.

Feet.	Feet.
Main machine and erecting shop160x290 Foundry170x320 Power plant90x130 Pattern shop90x140.	Machine shop No. 2 (four stories) 90x180 Cleaning room 80x110 Forge shop 90x120

The fire boat John R. Elliott, built by the Jenks Ship Building Co., Port Huron, Mich., has been delivered to the city of Detroit. She is built completely of steel and is 122 ft. long, 25 ft. beam and 11 ft. deep. Her equipment as a fire fighter is modern in every respect, the pumps being supplied by Thomas Manning, jr., of Cleveland.

Two lightships building at Toronto by the Polson Iron Works for the Dominion government are to be of the following dimensions: Length between perpendiculars, from the inside of stem to the inside of rudder post, 112 ft.; breadth, molded, 28 ft. 6 in.; depth of hold from top of keel to top of main deck amidships, 14 ft. 10½ in.; load draught, 11 ft. 6 in. There will be in each vessel one inverted surface-condensing single-cylinder engine with a stroke of 22 in. and cylinder diameter of 23 in., driving one right-handed four-bladed cast-iron propeller of the solid type of about 7 ft. 6 in. diameter. Steam will be furnished by two cylindrical straight-tubular boilers designed for a working pressure of 100 lbs. per square inch, with diameter of 9 ft. and a length of 16 ft. 7½ in.

Capt. Robert J. Stubbs, who was connected with the Michigan steamer traffic for about half a century, died in Chicago a few days ago. He was last employed as captain by the Marinette Barge Line.



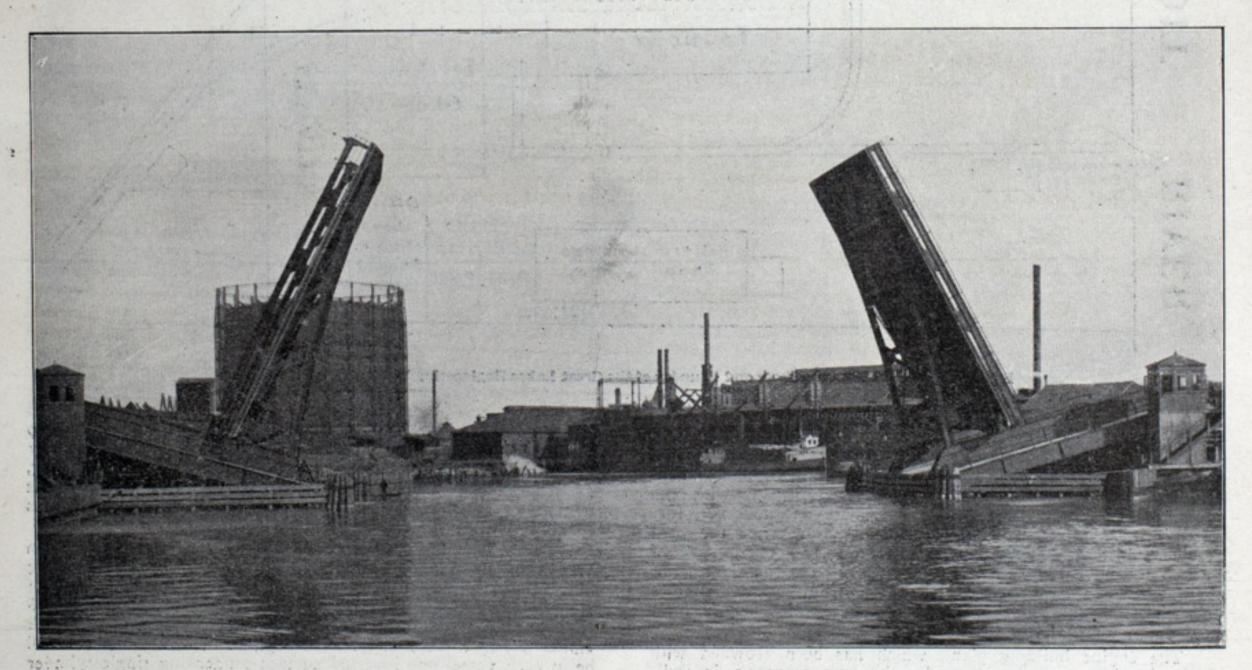
approach spans are each 48 ft. long between centers of pins. The two by-passes under the approach spans are each about 35 ft. wide in the clear, thus making a total unobstructed width of channel at water's surface of 210 ft.

The width of the bridge provides for a 36-ft. roadway and two 8-ft. sidewalks. Two street car tracks occupy the central portion of the roadway, and its handsome appearance is indicated in the two views reproduced from photographs. The sidewalks and paving of the two leaves of the central or lift span are of wood. The paving of approach spans is of vitrified brick or concrete foundations and the sidewalks are of concrete.

The leaves of the central span revolve upwardly on their trunions anchored to the piers. The approach span revolves downwardly (the shore ends of which are pinned and anchored ation no parts of the superstructure revolve below the water line; the masonry is reduced to the minimum and the by-passes are increased to the maximum. Instead of high-priced cast iron, concrete is used for the counter-weighting.

Electricity is used to operate the bridge by means of four 38-H. P., direct-current, 500-volt motors, two on each side. They are suspended under the approach spans. The traffic gates, center and back locks and the signals are operated by compressed air. The operating houses are connected by telephone.

The superstructure was built by the Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. and Page & Shnable (owners of the Page patents) built the substructure in less than six months. W. M. Hughes, the well known bridge designer, is consulting engineer. The bridge was built under the supervision of Isham Randolph, chief engineer,



Page Bascule Bridge at Ashland Avenue, Chicago-Open.

to the abutments), while their channel ends rest on a curved track built into the trusses of the leaves of the central span by means of 4-ft. wheels. These wheels are pinned in the channel ends of the approach spans. The weight of the approach span acting through the 4-ft. wheels and bearing on the curved track of the central leaf balances the main leaf in its various positions.

This form of constructing a bascule bridge has many advantages of which the following are a few: It permits a low truss, nothing higher than the hand rail; during its movement or oper-

C. R. Dart, bridge engineer, and J. E. Grady, assistant engineer of the Sanitary District of Chicago. The bridge was dedicated and formally opened to traffic Oct. 24, 1902, and has been the subject of a great deal of favorable comment since its completion. It replaced an old wooden swing bridge of 150 ft. with single roadway and two 60-ft. channels for vessels in place of the single navigable channel of 140 ft. This substantial improvement of a narrow and crowded river will be much appreciated by vessel owners and captains.

#### LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Lake Carriers are to meet in annual session in Detroit on the 21st inst., and for a month past leaders in the association have been trying to bring the various interests together on plans of reorganization, made necessary by the problem of dealing with labor organizations and by the distinctive positions held by two very large fleets, those of the Steel Corporation and J. C. Gilchrist. No secret is revealed in saying that there may be no Lake Carriers' Association for the coming year. This does not mean that the influential committee at work on reorganization has given up hope of success, but they are meeting with some rough problems. It is quite clear that the policy of the Steel Corporation in dealing with its employes, especially since the big profit-snaring scheme was announced a few days ago, would not be in harmony with the scope of reorganization proposed for the Lake Carriers. In fact there is considerable doubt now as to whether matters can be so arranged as to include the Steel Corporation vessels in the new association and still retain the so-called individual vessel owners. This is the most serious feature involved. An association without the big steel fleet might be regarded as among the impossibilities, but the question of organization or no organization may yet be up to that point. It is hoped, of course, by everybody concerned, that a solution of the difficulties will be reached before the Detroit meeting.

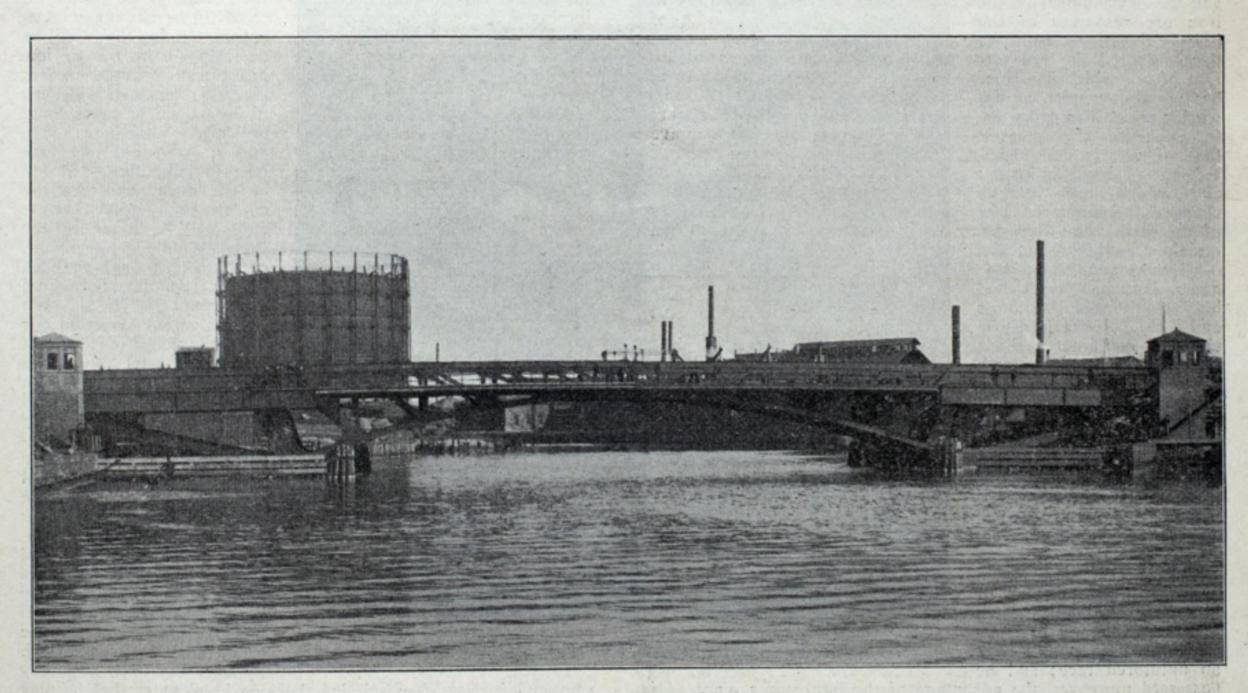
#### NEXT SEASON ON THE LAKES.

Vessel agents in Cleveland are already receiving inquiries from different points around the lakes as to the outlook for another season of navigation and especially with regard to freight contracts on iron ore. Aside from the statement that all indications still point to a big volume of freight to be moved next season and that shippers have not talked of lower freights than those prevailing in 1902, especially in view of operating expenses being as high if not higher than they were in the past year,

was prompted by the disasters of the past season on Lake Superior, notably the loss of the large Canadian steamer Bannockburn with her entire crew. Capt. McKay is of the opinion that Copper Harbor and Lac La Belle both on Keweenaw point, should be dredged out and improved so as to provide safe anchorage for vessels in this most dangerous part of the entire chain of lakes. In the long stretch from Keweenaw to Marquette there is no available harbor, and in this region, stormy during the greater part of the season, the Lake Superior fleet is often called upon to fight out some very severe gales. Of course any discussion of the subject by Capt. Gaillard is thus far unofficial, as he can do nothing until a preliminary survey is ordered by congress. Capt. Gaillard suggested Copper Harbor as the place of refuge but Capt. McKay is of the opinion that while Copper Harbor might readily be made available for most vessels of the lake fleet, there is not room enough within the entrance to handle the largest of the modern steamers. On the other hand Bete Grese bay makes a fine entrance to Lac La Belle, and as it is not expected that very great expense will be involved in the improvement of either place, both are recommended. Congressman Burton has been asked to take the matter up and will probably introduce a bill providing for the preliminary surveys.

#### COMPLETION OF THE BUFFALO BREAKWATER.

The completion of the Buffalo breakwater was celebrated by a banquet a few evenings ago. Upon the menu card was printed the leading bits of information regarding the structure so that those who had no connection with it might be familiar with its extent. The figures are: Bird Island breakwater, 2,800 ft.; new north breakwater, 2,200 ft.; old breakwater, 7,608 ft.; new (main section) breakwater, 10,000 ft.; new Stony point breakwater, 2,803 ft.; total length of Buffalo breakwater, 25,411 ft. or 4.8 miles; total harbor area protected by breakwater, 1.66 acres; total harbor area over 18 ft. deep protected by breakwater, 900 acres; old



Page Bascule Bridge at Ashland Avenue, Chicago-Closed.

nothing can be said. No move has been made as yet to fix prices of ore, and the shippers are saying nothing whatever about freights. They hope for better prices on ore, mainly for the reason that they feel they made prices too low a year ago and have not had a fair share of the large profits that have prevailed in iron and steel lines. The soft coal shippers, realizing the scarcity that will prevail in the northwest on account of a light movement of coal in the past season, are already preparing to store as much coal as possible in vessels at Lake Erie ports, so that it may go out immediately on the opening of navigation. The rates on this coal will probably be about the same as those paid a year ago.

#### HARBORS OF REFUGE AT KEWFENAW

Capt. Geo. P. McKay of the Lake Carriers' Association, has been in correspondence since the close of navigation, with Capt. D. D. Gaillard of Duluth, United States engineer in charge of Lake Superior harbors, and also with Chairman Burton of the house committee on rivers and harbors, regarding the need of more harbors of refuge on Lake Superior. The correspondence

breakwater planned in 1854; old breakwater begun in 1868; old breakwater completed in 1893; new breakwater begun in 1897; new breakwater completed in 1902; estimated cost new breakwater, \$2,450,000; actual cost new breakwater, \$2,050,000; longest breakwater system in the world; largest artificial harbor in the world. Representative Burton was the principal speaker. He spoke well of Buffalo's future, saying that Cleveland did not regard her as a rival. There was prosperity, he thought, enough for both. Addresses were also made by Maj. Thomas W. Symons and Mr. Charles W. Goodyear.

A dispatch from Manitowoc says that plans are being considered for the new dry dock that will be constructed by the Manitowoc Dry Dock Co. early next spring. The new dock will be 600 ft. long and will give the company facilities for handling work on the largest boats of the lakes. The present dock will be repaired and enlarged and will be used for wooden craft. The first plan of the company to extend the old dock has been abandoned. Contracts on hand at the yards, mainly repair work, will keep a large force of men employed throughout the winter.

#### DEATH OF A FAMOUS CHIPPEWA.

Charles Bawgam is dead. There are doubtless a great many persons who never heard of Charles Bawgam at all, and doubtless a great many more who had heard of him but who had concluded that he must have died many years ago. But it was only last week that he was mustered out. The old chap had been waiting for his discharge these many years. If Sir Walter Scott were telling this story he would say that in the spring of 1849 a mackinaw barge containing five or six men and a boy might have been observed entering Iron bay, which is now the harbor of Marquette. The men were pulling on the oars as though they were tired and, in truth, they might well have been for they had rowed the heavy barge from Sault Ste. Marie. They pulled the barge into the mouth of Carp river and landed on the western shore. As they did so an Indian with leggins and blanket and in the prime of manhood stepped out of his wigwam and greeted them. As the day was fast dving he invited them to have supper with him before they camped for the night. The chronicle shows that they had potatoes and venison and whitefish and that the meal was not only abundant but well cooked. This Indian was Charles Bawgam. He was a full-blooded Chippewa

and the son of a chief. The next morning the five or six men and the boy started for the iron hills which lay inland a distance of 12 or 14 miles. Bawgam remained behind to pursue the primitive life of fishing and hunting. Changes, wonderful to contemplate, followed the march of this small handful of men and the boy to the iron hills. They began the development of the iron ore resources of the Lake Superior country; they unloosed the red torrent of ore which has since become the wonder of the world; which has called into existence the greatest fleet of vessels ever devoted to a single industry; and which has literally changed the industrial face of the earth. But Bawgam remained as they found him -a hunter and fisher. For generations his people had been children of the forest and a child of the forest he chose to continue. Millions were wrung from the earth about him but Bawgam's assets never increased. A blanket, a gun and a fishing rod were all he ever owned. Bawgam was an Indian but there was nothing of the savage about him. He was a kindly, courteous, dignified man. In his face there dwelt an authority that was native and the head and look of him were masterful. Such a man was bound to exercise a natural empire over

an untutored race; and he possessed moreover, the advantage of the figure of a giant. Of late years it was gaunt and slimly clothed with flesh, but notwithstanding the weight of an hundred years was as erect as a sapling. But when the mackinaw barge shoved its nose into Carp river in 1849 Bawgam was a lithe, active, powerful man. The boy occupant of that barge was destined to be the comfort and guardian of his declining years. When the Hon. Peter White secured Presque Isle as a park for the citizens of Marquette he built a little cabin upon it as a home for Charles Bawgam. It was built on the lee of the island and the grocery wagon drove there at regular intervals to see that Bawgam did not want. But the old man had been waiting patiently for the end for a number of years. Lour or five years ago his eyesight failed and finally became totally extinct, depriving him of his one remaining solace-that of fishing. He spoke of it with great feeling. He may truly be called the last of the Chippewas and a splendid type of a race that has been greviously wronged.

The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co. will take possession of the Negaunee mine next September. It will be worked to the utmost. An interesting circumstance is the fact that the Steel Corporation has, at present, two diamond drills at work on the old Jackson property, which is the earliest of all the Lake Superior iron workings.

#### SHIP CANAL AROUND NIAGARA RAPIDS.

Buffalo, Jan. 7.—So much attention has been given to the announcement that the government thinks well enough of the Niagara river front to order a survey looking towards a ship canal around the upper rapids of the river that I may be excused for further reference to it. The present plan is another evidence that it is never the proper thing to adopt any course of action because it promises to be cheap. Niagara river is shallow for some miles after it leaves Lake Erie, just at the mouth of Buffalo creek. There is something of a deep channel part of the way, but it is so crooked that it cannot be navigated with safety. After that there is, over the worst and swiftest part of the river for some distance, such a deposit of immense boulders that all effort, so far, has failed to dislodge them. Still. for all that, government engineers in charge have tried to make a way through them and to cut off the corners of the deep channel, but all they accomplished was to entice vessels of fairly deep draught to try the route to their harm. It used to be a common thing all season through for the lumber carriers to be in Buffalo dry dock one after another without much letting up, and of course the cost was very great. If the money laid

> out for "improving" the channel from Lake Erie to the end of the upper rapids at the International bridge could be added to the money spent by vessels for striking on this route it would go far towards building the ship-canal,

Major Symons was not long, after being stationed here, in giving up the rapids route as hopeless and he has steadily advocated a canal till he has obtained it, apparently, for there will be no going back on an improvement so much needed. In short, the canal will need to be about 5 miles long, probably something less, and it will need one lock of something like 5 ft. fall at the lower end. In the construction some reference will be made to the proposed dam at the mouth of the lake, though the idea is not popular here and may never be tried. We are too afraid of seeing our lowlands going out of sight at high water times, a practice that we are about to spend three-quarters of a million to stop.

It is a pleasant announcement made by the water works people that the canal will not interfere with the tunnel from the inlet pier to the city, as it was supposed that both this and several sewers would have to be lowered. So it may be accepted that the estimate of \$3,000,000 for the canal is not too small. Mai. Symons has such a goodly



Charles Bawgam, a Chippewa Chief.

amount left over after building the long breakwater that he may be trusted not to figure too low now.

Of course it might be said that Buffalo is not in need of such an immense outlay, and if we go by mere eyesight the statement would be true, but when the long breakwater was projected it was open to a still greater objection on the same lines. Yet there is not a business man in the country who questions the wisdom of the venture now. The steel plant was made possible by it, and the steel plant, following the Pan-American Exposition, has set manufacturers eager to locate here. The shipcanal will give them such confidence to locate on the Niagara frontier proper as they have not had before. So it is much more a business proposition now than the breakwater was when the final extension was begun in 1807.

Certain it is that there can be no future for lake commerce north of the mouth of Buffalo creek with a channel seldom good for 14 ft. of water, and dangerous at the best. With the canal the man of imagination already sees-and he has told me so since the survey was announced—the great 500-footers of the lake fleet tying up all along the Niagara to Niagara Falls. It may not be known generally that the stillest water in the Niagara is just before reaching the rapids that end in the falls, so that safe harbors are just as possible along the upper Niagara as in any river.

Maj. Symons will make the survey this winter. The work

will be comparatively easy, for considerable desirable data can be obtained from the deep-waterways survey made some years ago. Then it will be necessary to wait a year for a river and harbor bill to provide the funds, then two or may be three years for the work, which means a canal good for 23-ft. in 1907 or 1908. If Buffalo does not show new development on the Niagara frontier by that time sufficient to justify the canal, even more than she has in justification of the breakwater, then all present indications are elusive. Everybody is strong in the faith now, when there was little to base any sort of faith on six years ago.

JOHN CHAMBERLIN.

#### PROPOSED CHANGES IN CHARLOTTE HARBOR.

Capt. Thomas Donnelly, marine superintendent of the Canadian Lake & Ocean Navigation Co. of Toronto, which has been operating steamers of the turret type on the lakes during the past season, has addressed an open letter to Major Thomas W. Symons, United States engineer in charge of the Buffalo district, regarding proposed changes in the harbor (port of Rochester) on Lake Ontario. The letter deals altogether with conditions prevailing at this harbor from a mariner's standpoint and is so interesting that it is herewith printed in full. Capt. Donnelly says to Major Symons:

"With reference to the improvements of Charlotte harbor (port of Rochester), I understand that you have recommended to your government, as a means of improving this harbor, the placing in position of a mattress for the purpose of diverting the current in the Genesee river. hoping thereby to assist in keeping the harbor at the proper depth. I understand that a meeting has been called at Rochester some time in January for the purpose of giving consideration to any objections that may be made on the part of mariners or others interested, and as the company which I represent (the Canadian Lake & Ocean Navigation Co.) may not find it convenient to have a representative at the meeting, I desire hereby to enter our protest against the carrying out of the proposed plan for reasons which I will endeavor briefly to

state herein.

"It is not the writer's intention to pass any opinion on the matter in question from an engineering standpoint, or as to whether this is the best method for the improvement of this harbor, but I wish to give you a few reasons why, from a mariner's standpoint, I do not think it advisable to interfere with the harbor in the manner recommended in your report. The harbor of Charlotte is a harbor of refuge on Lake Ontario, the easiest of access of any of the so-called harbors on this lake, and in fact the only harbor that can be taken with any degree of safety during heavy gales of wind from any direction between west and east around b the north, the principal reason being that it has a width of 475 ft. between the piers and a long stretch of pier protection, along which schooners or tugs with tows can check their speed and bring up before reaching the bridge that crosses the river. If, according to the proposed plan, the channel in this river is narrowed to 150 ft. the harbor will be in our opinion almost completely spoiled as a harbor of refuge, as the navigable channel will be too narrow for the purpose intended. Then, if according to the proposed plan you provide a rocky shoal, such as this mattress will be, along the west side, you will in our opinion ruin this harbor for tugs with long tows, such as use it at present. When the wind is from the west or northwest the tugs have to, even with a short tow line, run close up along the west pier to keep the tow off the east pier, and if this rocky shoal which you intend putting in the harbor prevents the tugs from using 325 ft. in width of the present channel this harbor of refuge will be of no use to tugs with tows, and a most dangerous state of affairs will exist for light vessels, a great many of which use this harbor in the coal trade. These last mentioned vessels cannot direct their course as they would wish coming in out of a heavy sea and have to make a landing without the aid of tugs. All of these vessels draw from 5 to 7 ft. of water, and as a mariner I can imagine them jumping along on the top of this stonecovered mattress, causing great injury and loss. So much for tugs and sailing vessels.

"Now take a large-sized steamer such as the Kingston or Toronto. These boats make so much leeway in a heavy beam wind that often their bow is almost touching one pier while their stern is dragging the other, and the writer has frequently seen these side-wheel steamers close up to the bridge before they could be straightened up. If you narrow this harbor to 150 ft. it does not seem possible that these large vessels can use the harbor with safety. In your report you state that there is not as much current between the bridge and the lake as there is above the bridge, and I understand from your recommendation that you wish to create a current between the bridge and the lake, to carry away the sediment. Now I submit that the absence of this current between the bridge and the lake is the salvation of this harbor as a harbor of safety, especially in the spring of the year. In the spring the current is very heavy in the Genesee river, and if vessels were to meet it at the mouth of the piers in conjunction with the heavy sea that always exists there you would find a most dangerous state of conditions. As it is at present, vessels of all kinds entering the harbor are in out of the sea way before they strike this heavy current. Last season this current was so heavy that vessels were unable to turn in the Genesee river without very heavy risk of danger to themselves, and to

create an increased current at the mouth of this harbor would in

our opinion be suicidal.

"The removal of the range lights from this harbor last year was a great detriment to its safe navigation, and our mariners complain very bitterly of the change, with, in our opinion, good reasons. On page 596 of your report we find with reference to Oswego harbor that your report reads as follows: 'In 1881 a project was adopted to build an east breakwater, 248 ft. of which was constructed in 1881 and removed in 1889.' Now sir, this was an important change and was adopted against the strong objection of mariners who were using Oswego harbor at that time, and during the eight years which this pier remained in position very great loss was occasioned, the government being compelled at last to remove it at very great expense. We respectfully submit, in our opinion, that the suggested change in Charlotte har-

bor will turn out just as disastrous.

"The Canadian Lake & Ocean Navigation Co. already has four large steamers on the lakes and three building for the Montreal-Lake Superior trade. It is the intention of this company to coal these vessels at Charlotte, but if this harbor is narrowed to 150 ft. in the manner proposed, it will interfere with these ships calling at Charlotte, and in our judgment other boat lines will consider it necessary to give this port the go-by for similar reasons, and the largely increasing trade of this port must suffer While considering this matter would you allow us to state that we think it poor policy to allow small boats to occupy one side of this harbor, in the manner that we find exists every season. As we stated above, this is a harbor of refuge and often when boats run in for shelter they can neither control their course or speed, and on a dark night to run in among a fleet of small lights of all shapes and heights often results in damage being done to vessels and vachts. These yachts maintain that they have a right there and that they are protected by carrying a white light. Now a bright light may be hung out at sundown, but there is no watchman on these boats to keep it lighted, and if a vessel collides with a yacht it is held in the absence of a light that the larger vessel in colliding put out the light, and damages are often unjustly collected. We submit that small boats should not be allowed to take up so much of this harbor below the bridge. In discussing this matter we have endeavored to treat it from a mariner's standpoint, but we submit that even \$3.700 is not too large an annual expenditure for keeping so important a harbor as Charlotte free."

#### WHERE CORPORATION VESSELS ARE WINTERING.

Nearly all of the whaleback barges belonging to the Steel Corporation are to be fitted with towing machines during the winter. The work will be done at Lorain and Cleveland. The vessels of the Steel Corporation are laid up at nine different ports, the greater number at Duluth. Following is the list and the ports at which they are wintering:

At Erie-Siemens, Crescent City, Maia.

At Conneaut—Neilson, 137, Rensselaer, Bryn Mawr, Zenith City, Fritz, Fairbairn.

At Ashtabula-W. P. Palmer, Marsala.

At Lorain—134, Magna, Bartlett, 116, 109, Van Hise, 105, 127, Russell, Smeaton, Maida, 130, 110, 133, 117, Malietoa, Wells, Frank Peavey.

At Toledo-107, Corona, Trevor, Martha, 201.

At Milwaukee-Briton, Colgate, Corsica, Eads, Edenborn, Joliet, Lasalle, Linn, Queen City.

At Chicago—Black, Bunsen, Cornell, Coralia, Houghton, Mariska, Maruba, Matoa, McDougall, Wawatam, Carrington, Saxon, Roman, Manila, German.

At Cleveland-Holley, Nasmyth, 126, 111, 132. Whitworth, Marcia, Thomson, Griffin, Bell. Thomas, Manda, Morse, Mari-

tana, Roebling, Jenney, 202, Mather, Hoyt, Malta.

At Duluth—Bessemer, Colby, Cambria, Coit, Elwood, Empire City, Ericsson, Fulton, Gates, Gilbert, Grecian, Harvard, Hill, Lafayette, Marina, Masaba, Mariposa, Maricopa, Mataafa, Mauna Loa, Poe, Princeton, Rockefeller, Stephenson, Superior City, Wolvin, Corliss, Watt, Krupp, Manila, Madeira, 118.

#### CONSOLIDATED LAKE SUPERIOR CO.

Directors of the Consolidated Lake Superior Co., which has just effected a loan of \$3,500,000 to assist the enterprise in carrying on its business, held a meeting a few days ago to consider changes in the organization necessitated by the financial management. In order to make places on the board for representatives of the banking syndicate which advanced the loan, F. S. Lewis, W. P. Douglas, Edward C. Lee and James Butterworth resigned. Their places were filled by Charles McDonald and Charles H. Tweed of Speyer & Co., New York; Horatio G. Lloyd, president, and Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, vice-president of the Commercial Trust Co. of Philadelphia. Joseph S. Swartz, who has been a member of the board several years, was elected vice president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. C. Lee.

The navy department has reached an understanding with the Atlantic, Gulf & Pacific Co. of New York, whereby that company will continue the contract for constructing the big dry dock at Mare Island navy yard.

#### AROUND THE GREAT LAKES.

The Michigan Steel Boat Co., Detroit, Mich., is planning an addition to its plant 200 by 170 ft.

Robert Downey & Co. of Oswego have purchased the steamer Monteagle from M. J. Cummings of Oswego. Insurance value of the Monteagle is \$45,000.

Capt. D. P. Craine, who has been in command of the steamer Ferdinand Schlesinger since she went into commission twelve years ago, will next season be in charge of one of the large steel steamers which the American Ship Building Co. has under way for G. A. Tomlinson of Duluth.

Capt. John Tower who took the Counselman steamer Northwestern across the Atlantic last season and then commanded her in the coastwise trade until she was purchased as an oil tanker, has been appointed as captain of one of the steel steamers now being constructed for the Wolvin Quebec route.

A Chicago dispatch says that the official relations of Messrs. C. A. Richardson and Stewart A. Moore, steamboat inspectors at that point, have not been harmonious, although they are men of long experience in the service and competent officials. They will probably be separated, either by resignation or transfer.

Capt. Henry Thorne of the Cleveland tug J. R. Sprankle was presented a few days ago with the congressional medal for life saving. The presentation was made by Representative Burton. The special act for which this medal was awarded was the rescuing of eighteen persons from a burning crib at Cleveland during a severe storm on Aug. 14, 1901.

A. A. Schantz of the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Co. will hereafter be known as passenger traffic manager, and Mr. D. C. McIntyre's title will be freight traffic manager. Mr. Mc-Intyre has been in the employ of this company for 26 years. L. C. Lewis, who has hitherto been chief clerk in the passenger department, becomes assistant general passenger agent.

Officers of the Cleveland lodge of the Licensed Tugmen's Protective Association, elected a few days ago, are: President. M. McDonough; vice-president, Wm. King; financial secretary and treasurer, Joseph Normand; recording secretary, Charles Bush. John Rafferty and Joseph Normand were elected delegates to the annual meeting, which will be held at Milwaukee, Jan. 19.

It is reported from Detroit that \$100,000 will be spent during the winter in refitting and redecorating the Detroit and Cleveland Line steamers City of Cleveland and City of Detroit. Officials of this steamboat company, as well as the principals of the Detroit Ship Building Co., still hold that there was no "bluff" in the reports of two new steamers for the line. They say that all arrangements had been made regarding contracts and that the time fixed for signing the contracts was the day following the death of Senator MacMillan. The senator's sudden death was the cause of calling the matter off. It is expected, of course, that the steamers will be ordered within a year.

Operations of the Edward Hines Lumber Co. of Chicago have grown to such proportions that they are almost in control of the lumber business in the lake region. In 1902 this company handled 540,000,000 ft. of lumber. This is said to be more than was ever handled before by any one concern in the United States in the same length of time. The company is a heavy operator in northern Wisconsin, and owns 75 miles of logging road and several saw mills. They buy the season output of mills in many cases. During the past two weeks they have sold 35,000,000 ft. yet to be sawed. The company had cut for it under sawing contracts 260,000,000 ft. of lumber at Duluth, Superior and Ashland last year and has contracts calling for an equal production in 1903.

The admiralty docket for the January term of the United States district court at Detroit contains some thirty-five or more cases. Set for Jan. 12 are: Jacob Goldstein vs. propeller Luna; Enoch W. Wiggins vs. propeller Luna. Jan. 13.—Robert and Eugene Schook vs. F. F. Palms; James Davidson vs. barge Alexander Holley; J. G. Landry vs. schooner John Miner; Harris Baker and C. A. Chamberlin vs. barges Jupiter and Eureka. Jan. 14.-W. D. Ragan vs. tug Charley Grewich; Walker Bros. vs. barge Eureka. Jan. 15.-Pawnee Boat Co. vs. steamer E. C. Pope. Jan. 19.-Wm. Dulac vs. steamer Orion. Jan. 20.-Thomas S. Lester vs. C. W. Kotcher; C. W. Kotcher vs. steamer Canisteo. Jan. 21.-Chas. Rov vs. schooner Canton; Union Towing & Wrecking Co. vs. schooner Mary N. Bourke; Wm. Brown vs. steamer Pilgrim. Jan. 22.—Henry McMorran vs. steamer D. F. Rose. Jan. 23.—Anthony T. May vs. a lot of telegraph poles; the United States vs. a quantity of type metal. Jan. 26 .-W. H. Hargrave vs. tug Owen. Jan. 27.—Albert and Adam Kunna vs. a quantity of lumber and timber; A. E. Martin vs. steamer Huronic; Madame King vs. steamer Tempest; J. E. Miller vs. steam barge Joseph L. Hurd. Jan. 28.-Upson-Walton Co. vs. schooner John Kelderhouse; James Davidson vs. Majestic Trans. Co.; Albert D. Bennett vs. barge Wm. Case; Harris Baker vs. schooner Nassau. Feb. 2.—The matter of petition of owners of the Lloyd S. Porter for limitation of liability; Bubbs Dry Dock Co. vs. the Maud Martin. Feb. 3.-H. W. Baker vs. Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co.; Robertson vs. steamer Leland.

#### TRIAL OF NICHOLSON SHIP LOG.

A report from the chief of the navy bureau of equipment regarding trials of the Nicholson ship log, manufactured by the Nicholson Ship Log Co. of 204 Superior street, Cleveland, has recently been published in the form of a pamphlet. Reports of naval officers regarding trials of devices of this kind are usually very conservative and the manufacturers of this log therefore have reason to be greatly pleased with what the navy says of it. The Nicholson log has already been described and illustrated in these columns. It consists essentially of two vertical tubes, the lower ends of which are I in. in diameter and project through the bottom of the vessel. One of these tubes is so arranged as to permit the water from the outside to rise in the tube to a neight proportional to the pressure due to the speed of the ship. The other tube is so fitted that the water only rises to the level of the water outside, whatever may be the speed of the ship or her line of flotation. Suitable floats within the tube are connected directly with the registering mechanism in the pilot house or other convenient location. The register indicates the speed of the ship per hour at all times and the distance made in any given time; also, by means of a chronograph attachment, a continuous speed curve may be recorded. As the department report says, the general principle involved in the design of the log has been used before, but without success, as most of the inventions had recording mechanisms actuated by air, which is more or less compressed by the rise or fall of the water column, due to increased or decreased speed of ship. The Nicholson is the only log in which the connection between the top of the water column and the registering apparatus is mechanically made.

The navy trial of the log was on the torpedo boat Porter at speeds varying from 51/4 to 231/2 knots over a course at Hampton Roads. Runs were made with and against the current in order to eliminate the tidal effect. Ten runs in all were made over the course, under the following conditions: Sea, smooth; wind, light to gentle breezes; tide, ebbing during early runs, slack between eighth and ninth runs, flooding at end of trial. Length of course by chart, 3.30 knots.

TRIAL RUNS.

Number of run.	Speed over ground Knots.	Average readings of speed dial. Knots	Distance by log. Knots.
First and second	23.52	23.70	3.39
Third and fourth	20.09	20.38	3.37
Fifth and sixth	14.96	14.95	3.35
Seventh and eightn	10.36	10.27	3.29
Ninth and tenth	5.24	5.15	3.33

Readings of the speed dial were taken at intervals of one minute during the run. In determining the accuracy of the log only the distances recorded in the last column should be considered. All adjustments to the log were made in the shop, and the machine was not standardized after its installation on board the Porter. While the necessarily limited tests given the log on this occasion show accuracy in determination of speed, very little data was obtained as to its general efficiency under service conditions on board cruising vessels of the navy. The commanding officer of the Porter notes the following desirable features of the

The actual speed of the vessel is shown on the speed dial at all times.

Its accuracy is unaffected by the condition of the sea, inasmuch as its record is governed only by the actual difference of water level at water line and in the float pipe, both of which vary alike with wave-motion, rolling or pitching. The rise of water in the float pipe has been found by experiment up to 15 knots to vary as the square of the speed. There is reason to believe that this law does not hold good in excess of 15 knots, but probably varies more as the cube of the speed. Without materially altering the mechanism, this could be provided for.

It is believed the log will not foul readily. In case of fouling provision is made for clearing it by withdrawal of the tube. No towing line is required.

The only portion of the log outside of the hull is a 1-in. pipe sufficiently long to clear the eddy set up by the skin friction. In the case of the Porter 6 in. was allowed, but this was probably more than was necessary.

The only attention required is the daily winding of the clock

regulating the mechanism.

The officer of the Porter notes as an undesirable feature the high float pipe required for vessels of low freeboard but the manufacturers say they have overcome this objection by experiment and are now able to stow the pipes between decks on the fastest vessels of this class without reduction of delicacy or registration. They also say that no complaints have reached them from users of this log in regard to fouling of the intake tube. They claim it is not liable to do so unless the ship runs aground.

These logs are in use on some of the finest passenger steamers of the great lakes. All the big side-wheelers operating between Cleveland. Detroit and Buffalo and on the Detroit and St. Clair rivers have, and masters of the vessels speak of them in the highest terms.

#### SAULT CANAL TRAFFIC.

The enormous gain in lake commerce through the canals at Sault Ste. Marie has been reported by months in these columns during the season of navigation just closed. As a matter of record the official figures for the full season as prepared by Superintendent Joseph Ripley, under direction of Major W. H. Bixby, United States engineer in charge, are presented herewith. As compared with 1901 the report shows a gain of 7,558,081 tons of freight, or 27 per cent. In registered tonnage of vessels the gain is 7,328,606 tons, or 30 per cent., and in number of vessel passages the gain is 2,618, or 13 per cent. These leading items in the reports for 1901 and 1902 are:

	1902	1901
Passages, number	22,659	20,041
Lockages, number	12,846	11,321
Net registered tonnage of vessels3	1,955,582	24,626,976
Tons of freight, net	5,961,146	28,403,065

Vessel passages in 1902 were thus divided: Steamers, 17,069; sailing vessels and tow barges, 4,368; unregistered craft, 1,222. The detailed report of 1902 traffic is as follows:

### Report of Lake Commerce Through Canal at Sault Ste. Marie (Mich. and Ont.) Season of 1902.

EAST BOUND.

ARTICLES.	U. S. Canal.	Canadian   Canal.	Total.
Copper, net tons. Grain, bushels. Building stone, net tons. Flour, barrels. Iron Ore, net tons. Iron, pig, net tons.	106,459 21,650,549 37,064 6,072,295 21,796,348 11,863	14,153 6,075,493 1,855 2,837,710 2,481,207 1,531	120,612 27,726,042 38,919 8,910,005 24,277,555 13,394
Silver ore, net tons	1,028,848	62,623	1,091,471
Wheat, bushels	48,835,062 49 121	27,895.903 73,127	76,730,965 122,248
Passengers, number.	10,869	19,897	30.766

WEST BOUND.						
Coal, hard, net tons	284,986 3,973,448	24,962 529,082 235	309,948 4,502,530			
Grain, bushels Manufactured iron, net tons Salt, barrels. Genl. mdse., net tons	60 142,803 283,410 455,489	14,720 41,955 159,896 162,363	235 14,780 184,758 443,306 617,852			
Freight: East bound, net tons	26,331,559	3,944,430	28,611 30,275 989			
West bound net tons  Total freight, net tons.	4,901,236 31,232,795	783,921 4,728 351	5,685,157 35,961,146			
Vessel passages, number	17.588	5,071	22,659			

In addition to the above traffic, 6,500 cords pulp wood and 5,000,000 ft. pine logs passed over the rapids, bound for lower lake ports.

The United States canal was opened April 5 and closed Dec. 16, 1902; season 256 days. The Canadian canal was opened April 1 and closed Dec. 20, 1902; season, 264 days.

#### ABSORBED BY PITTSBURG COAL CO.

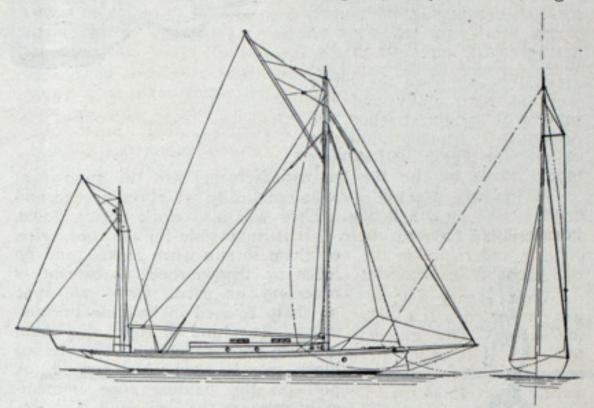
Although details of transfer have not been completed, it is understood that the Pittsburg Coal Co., big soft coal combination, has bought out the Midland Coal Co., and with it the National Dock & Fuel Co., which was making considerable progress in the lake trade. In the opposition to the Pittsburg Coal Co. represented by these two concerns, Geo. E. Tener of Pittsburg was the leading spirit. He represented large coal interests that were taken over by the Pittsburg company when it was formed. The same is true of John A. Donaldson, general manager of the National Fuel & Dock Co., who had charge of all the docks of the Pittsburg company before dissatisfaction caused the opposition. Associated with Mr. Donaldson in the lake end of the business was N. J. Boylan, who had also been with the Pittsburg company in the capacity of manager of the fuel department. Now it is expected that both Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Boylan will go back to the Pittsburg company. The consideration involved in the transfer is not definitely stated as yet, but it must be quite large, as the Midland company had about 5,000 acres of coal lands with mines and equipment, and the National Fuel & Dock Co had begun the erection of a car dumping machine on the Cleveland lake front.

#### STRONG FEELING IN NORTHWESTERN WHEAT.

Duluth, Jan. 7.—Mr. J. H. Barnes of the Ames-Brooks Co., large exporters of grain, received requests a few days ago from Spain for prices on wheat for immediate export. Such is the cash wheat situation with regard to export stuff that it was impossible to fill any order that might come from Spain, excepting in the case that stuff already sold was re-bought. There is practically no northwestern wheat in store at the seaboard that can be sold for new orders, and the total amount there, instead of being quite large, as has been imagined, really amounts to less than 3,000,000 bu. There is some northwestern Canada wheat, but this is bound for the United Kingdom and is scarcely on the market for general distribution. The result of this inquiry and of the facts that have come out as to stocks in answer thereto has been to stiffen the backbone of every trader who has heard of it.

#### TYPE OF AUXILIARY SAILING CRAFT.

The Gas Engine & Power Co. and Charles L. Seabury & Co., Consolidated, Morris Heights, New York, are at present making an auxiliary type of craft which is very popular with yachtsmen who have a fondness for sailing. In the accompanying illustration is shown an auxiliary boat 57 ft. over all, 41 ft. on the water line, 14 ft. beam, 7 ft. 1 in. deep and of 4 ft. 6 in. draught



of water. She has a lead keel of about 5 tons and will be fitted with a center board. The boat is very commodious, having besides the forecastle and galley, two large staterooms, toilet and bath, saloon and engine room. The motor is one of the gasoline type of 14 H. P. capacity, which, it is expected, will drive the boat 7 miles an hour.

#### SHIP YARD NOTES.

The Camden Yacht Building & Railway Co. has purchased G. E. Carleton's old ship yard at Camden, Me.

Samuel Ayers & Son, Upper Nyack, Conn., have purchased a considerable area of land adjoining their present plant and purpose to greatly enlarge their facilities.

William F. Palmer of Boston has contracted with George L Welt, Waldoboro, Me., for a large wooden schooner to be launched next fall. She will be 300 ft. over all, 45 ft. beam and 25 ft. deep.

A steel tug, the Honeybrook, built in the Neafie & Levy Ship & Engine Building Co.'s yards, Philadelphia, underwent a successful trial trip last week. She will be used in New York harbor by the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

The Perth Amboy Ship Building & Engineering Co., Perth Amboy, N. J., is the lowest bidder for supplying the engineers' department with two boats for harbor service in New York harbor. The company's bid was \$52,500 each.

The Risdon Iron Works, San Francisco, has under way at present an ocean-going tug 128 ft. long for John D. Spreckels & Co., San Francisco. The tug will be equipped with triple-expansion engines and two Babcock & Wilcox boilers. The Risdon company is also building a wooden ferry steamer, 251 ft. long, for the North Shore Railroad of San Francisco.

Vessels constructed by the Harlan & Hollingsworth Co., Wilmington, Del., during 1902 were the paddle-wheel steamer William G. Payne of 1,310 gross tons, the twin-screw steamer Edgewater of 709 gross tons, the twin-screw steamer Red Bank of 1,016 gross tons, the auxiliary schooner yacht Ariadne of 246 gross tons, the paddle-wheel steamer Sagamore of 742 gross tons and the paddle-wheel steamer Marvland of 871 gross tons.

The Harlan & Hollingsworth Co., Wilmingon, Del., has on its stocks at present a car float for the Pennsylvania railroad of the following dimensions: Length, 340 ft.; beam, 46 ft. 4 in.; depth, 12 ft. 6 in.; a screw passenger and freight steamer for the Eastern Steamship Co. that has a length of 307 ft. 7 in., beam of 62 ft. and depth of 21 ft.; a paddle-wheel river steamer for the People's Line of New York of 410 ft. length, 50 ft. 6 in. beam and 14 ft. 6 in. depth; two single-screw passenger and freight steamers for the Philadelphia & Baltimore Steamboat Co. with length of 190 ft., beam of 23 ft. 5 in. and depth of 12 ft. 6 in.; an auxiliary schooner yacht for A. C. Bostwick of New York, having length of 120 ft., beam of 28 ft. and depth of 22 ft.

Directors of the United States Steel Corporation on Monday declared the regular quarterly dividend of I per cent. on the common and 134 per cent. on the preferred stock. A financial statement was issued, showing net earnings for the calendar year, with December estimated at \$132,662,000. The board amended the by laws by increasing the number of the finance committee and Henry C. Frick and Robert Bacon were elected members of the committee. It was reported to the board that the plan for stock subscription was being well received by the employes and that within three days after opportunity to subscribe was given upwards of 16,000 shares had been subscribed for.

#### SELF-LOCKING TACKLE BLOCK.

A block known as the Watson self-locking tackle block is illustrated herewith. It is manufactured by the Walton Self-Locking Block Co., 404 Atlantic avenue, Boston, and is patented in the United tates and European countries. Owners of the

patents claim it is the greatest improvement of the century in tackle blocks. The blocks are made of wood, iron or bronze and resemble the ordinary tackle blocks. Two views, one showing the block working horizontally and the other with weight attached, are presented. Among numerous claims for these self-locking

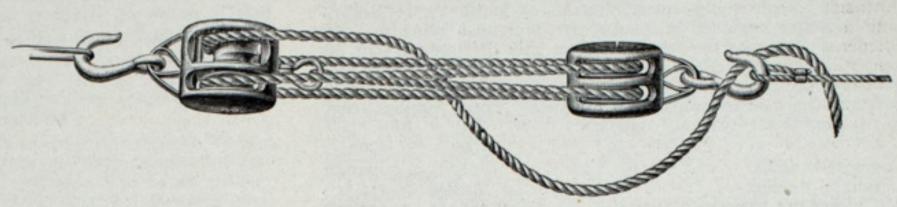
blocks made by the Boston manufacturers are the following: "They will stop and lock automatically wherever needed, and can be used at any height. They will also work upside down, horizontally or at any angle. It is impossible for the rope, wire,

or chain to slip when locked, and no lever or trigger-rope attachment is necessary or used. Only one rope or chain is used in hoisting or lowering. Any kind of rope, also chain or wire rope suitable to the size of block, may be used when desired. A pull on the hauling rope immediately releases the lock, and it is impossible for the rope to jam or chafe. There is nothing to get out of order. The device may be adapted to any size, single, double, triple, four-fold and five-fold blocks, thereby creating more uses for tackle blocks than were ever known before. Overhead tracks and trolleys can be fitted for easy handling of all heavy weights. By the use of the block one may hold all he can pull, as the rope can be locked at will, thus taking all the strain off the arms and giving the user an opportunity to rest whenever needed."

Uses to which the blocks may be applied on yachts and vessels are tackles and leaders on deck, check blocks, davit tackles, throat and peak halyards; also in bridge and house building, on aerial trolleys, in railroad service and in quarries, by lumbermen, warehousemen, farmers, teamsters, painters and masons, in foundries and mines, in life saving service, in machine shops, for stage scenery and by circuses, in breweries, wells, stables, harness rooms, tanneries, slaughter houses, plantations, on fire escapes and by fire departments, for stretching wires and ropes of all kinds, on elevators, awnings, tents, etc., etc. 'Ine special claim is that no tying or fastening of the rope or chain to a cleat is needed.

Among directors of this block company are Capt. Geo. W. Eldridge, well known hydrographer of Boston; Capt. J. O. Walton, the inventor; Herbert Loud, for many years of the firm of Bognall & Loud, block makers of Boston; C. C. Walton and J. Whitney

The company had a very interesting exhibit at the Mechanics Fair in Boston. The blocks were shown working in various ways and attracted a great deal of attention. They have been examined and tested by naval officers and by representative men in merchant marine lines and the company is receiving orders



for them in large numbers, even as a result of this preliminary introduction.

#### OWNED BY 50,000 PERSONS.

Interesting statistics regarding the number of stockholders of the United States Steel Corporation were made public recently. When the first dividend on the common stock was paid on Sept. 14, 1901, the corporation had on its books 13,918 common shareholders. The sixth dividend on the common stock, on Dec. 30, 1902, was paid to 24,636 shareholders. The first preferred dividend, paid on Aug. 7, 1901, was divided among 18,569 shareholders. Dividend No. 6, paid on Nov. 15, last, was disbursed to 29,258 stockholders. The company now has on its books the names of 53,894 stockholders, an increase of 21,407 in fifteen months.

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#### IMPROVEMENTS AT SUPERIOR SHIP YARD.

Duluth, Jan. 7.—During the past several months the works of the Superior Ship Building Co. have been almost entirely rearranged. In the new plan of the yard methods have been so modified that all work will be easier and quicker and a not inconsiderable economy will result. A new punch shed, 200 by 300 ft. has been built and all the shops have been fitted with new tools of the most approved patterns. Electric cranes have been installed and a large air compressing plant is being put in. Some of the machinery has not yet arrived but is expected any time and

is anxiously awaited. The chief work on hand is the construction of four freight steamers, all steel, the first of which is now laid down. There are more repair jobs in sight for the present winter than usual, and the number of ships laid up here and to be refitted before spring, is as great as a year ago and far larger than in any preceding year. Both dry docks are steadily employed with vessels waiting their turns. Launching slips have been lengthened to 550 ft., and when vessels of that size are laid down in any lake yard they will probably be experimented with here first. But at the present time there is no sign that any such ships will be built soon, the plans of the Pittsburg Steamship Co. having been put back awhile. One reason for this is the claim that so large a reserve supply of ore was carried down the lakes by the ships of the company the past season that not so great an increase of tonnage will be demanded the coming summer, and this excess, whatever it may be, will be easily cared for by new independentlybuilt ships.

#### PITTSBURG STEAMSHIP CO.'S NEW QUARTERS.

Duluth, Jan. 7.—All the offices vacated by the Pittsburg Steamship Co. in its transfer from the Board of Trade building to the new structure of the United States Steel Corporation, just across the street, have been filled by spreading out into less cramped quarters offices of the various companies in which Mr. A. B. Wolvin is largely interested. The Superior Ship Building Co., Quebec & St. Lawrence Transportation Co., Provident, Peavey and other steamship companies, Duluth Stoker and Duluth Forge companies, as well as a number of other concerns, subsidiary and independent, are now comfortably housed on the third and fourth floors of the Board of Trade building, so that there are no offices for rent in that large structure. The way in which the half dozen buildings partially vacated by the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation have again been filled up is a great surprise to those who have looked on the new structure to relieve the office situation somewhat.

#### OUTPUT OF LAKE SUPERIOR IRON MINES

Two weeks ago a complete summary of iron ore shipments from the different ports in the upper-lake region during the navigation season of 1902, together with receipts at Lake Erie ports and stocks on Lake Erie docks, all compared with previous years, was printed in these columns. Everybody having a knowledge of the ore industry understands, however, that a report showing the output of each mine, and including also the all-rail shipments, which may amount in the aggregate to about 400,000 tons, can not be compiled for some little time after the close of the year. In this respect we refer to the large table, published each year as a supplement to the Marine Review. A great deal of correspondence is required in compiling this table but we hope to publish it in about two weeks-possibly in the next issue. This explanation is made for the reason that reports dealing with the output by mines from some of the ranges are in circulation, but the snipments are mostly given in round numbers and are to a large extent estimates. The large table above referred to gives the output of each mine since the first shipment of ore was made from the Lake Superior region.

The George Lawley & Sons Corporation, South Boston, Mass., has purchased property adjoining its plant and which was formerly occupied by the house of correction of the city of Boston. The area purchased comprises 1,076,459 sq. ft., and the purchase price was \$252,630.95.

#### Steamer for Sale.

Steamer T. D. Stimson for sale. Capacity 550,000 ft. lumber. Rates A-2; fully rebuilt two years ago. Will take smaller steamer part payment. Address A. B. Slyfield, owner, Port Huron, Mich. Jan 29

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U. S. Engineer Office, Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 6, 1903. Sealed proposals for repairs of piers and closing entrance to outer basin at Michigan City, Ind., and for repairs of north pier at Grand Haven, Mich., will be received here until 3 p. m., February 5, 1903, and then publicly opened. Information furnished on application. Charles Keller, Capt. Engineers. Jan. 29.

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#### TRADE NOTES.

Mr. Francis E. Pratt, who now represents the Almy Water Tube Boiler Co. in New York, is located at No. 52 Broadway.

Mr. Jacob Katzenstein of L. Katzenstein & Co., New York, manufacturers of metallic packing, has just returned to New York after visiting the trade in the west.

Two new French battleships, La Patrie and La Republique, of 18,000 H. P. each, are to be equipped with Niclausse boilers, making an aggregate of 242,000 H. P. of these boilers in use or contracted for in the French navy.

The Garrett-Cromwell Engineering Co. of Cleveland has been awarded the contract for designing a large car wheel plant to be erected near Pittsburg. Mr. Charles T. Schoen, inventor of the steel car, is the leading figure in the new enterprise.

The New Jersey Foundry & Machine Co. and the Newhall Chain Forge & Iron Co., 9-15 Murray street, New York, have issued a couple of dainty little calendars, about the daintiest that have come through the mails. They are entirely without advertising matter on the face, which is a concession, doubtless, to the artistic element.

There are at the present time in use on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, the great lakes and abroad, 113 of the patent automatic towing machines manufactured by the American Ship Windlass Co. of Providence, R. I. Eleven of the vessels operated by the lighterage department of the Standard Oil Co. are equipped with these machines. In some of the fleets of the lakes that have tow barges the number is even greater.

Writing to a business friend regarding affairs of his company during the past year, Mr. C. M. Walsh, general manager of the Falls Hollow Staybolt Co. of Cuyahoga Falls, O., says: "The year just closed has been the banner year for us and the outlook for 1903 is still better. Falls hollow staybolt iron is fast increasing in favor, owing to its many advantages over the solid or drilled bolt. We furnish solid staybolt iron made of the same high grade double-refined charcoal iron as the hollow to

those who prefer solid material. We recently appointed the Republic Railway Appliance Co. (Mr. E. S. Marshall, president), of St. Louis, our southwestern agents. Mr. E. S. Marshall has held the position of superintendent of motive power with several of the leading railway companies in the west and is therefore well posted in the merits and advantages of Falls Hollow iron, having used carloads of it."

During three or four years past the vessel owners of the country have heard a great deal about the proposed department of commerce and have been led to believe that upon the formation of this new branch of the government some of the bureaus of the treasury department that have to do with ships, and which can not be very highly commended for efficiency, would be transferred to this new department. It would now seem-and the charge is in fact made openly-that the old heads of some of these bureaus, who are very much interested in holding their places and who fear a closer supervision of their affairs than has existed under old methods and under the crowding of diversified interests in the treasury department, which latter condition was to be relieved by the new department, are doing all in their power to prevent the transfer of their bureaus. As it passed the senate, the bill pertaining to the new department transferred the steamboat inspection, life-saving and marine hospital services, bureau of navigation shipping commissioners and fish and fish-The house committee has reported the bill leaving the first five of these where they are and transferring only the two last-shipping commissioners and fish and fisheries-which happen to be those in which seamen already have something to say. This means that the classification, inspection and management of shipping are to remain as they are at present, getting none of the advantages that are expected from a new department unburdened by the multiplicity of interests represented in the treasury department. If the marine element is to be eliminated is it not a misnomer to speak of creating a department of commerce? It would certainly be well for the representative shipping organizations to give attention at once to this bill.

U. S. Engineer Office, Duluth, Minn. Dec. 15, 1902, Sealed proposa's for building pier extension and additional superstructure at Grand Marais. Mich., will be received here until noon, Jan. 15, 1903, and then publicly opened. Information on application. D. D. GAILLARD, Capt., Engrs. Jan. 8.

OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, U.S. Army, Washington D.C., Nov. 26, 1902 Sealed proposals for building steel hull, furnishing and installing pumping and propelling machinery for suction dredge, and for 1 onton pipe line, will be received here until 2 p m., Jan. 15, 1903 and then opened. Information furnished on application. MASON M. PATRICK, Capt., Engrs. Jan 8,

U. S. Engineer Office, Duluth, Minn., Dec. 13, 1902. Sealed proposals for furnishing and driving 819 bearing piles for new Wisconsin Entrance Piers, Superior, Wis., will be received here until noon. Jan. 14, 1903, and then publicly opened. Information on application. D. D. GAILLARD, Capt., Engrs. Jan. 8.

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#### BENEFIT OF AID TO SHIPPING.

Newport News, Va., Dec 30.—Gen. Supt. W. A. Post of the Newport News Ship Building & Dry Dock Co. has given out the following statement relative to the benefits of a shipping

"The year 1902, now drawing to a close, has been a busy one in the ship yards of the United States, but few, if any, of the seaboard ship building plants have been operated to their fullest capacity. Especially is this true in regard to vessels for our merchant marine. If the leading ship building works were dependent upon contracts for merchant ships, this particular industry, which is becoming so important a factor in the manufacturing evolution of our country, would pale into insignificance. When the year opened the ship subsidy bill, a measure designed to build up our merchant marine and make the United States a greater commercial power, was pending in congress, and the fact that there was a bare possibility of the bill being enacted into law stimulated the shipping industry. Capitalists and operators of large steamship lines became interested, with the result that ship builders were almost daily receiving requests for estimates on new vessels of various types. But after the bill passed the senate and it became apparent that it would 'sleep' in the house of representatives, requests for estimates became fewer. Had the bill been allowed to become a law ship building and shipping would have received an impetus that would have worked a revofution in the maritime world and greatly enriched the country. Ship yards would now have all the work they could turn out and many thousand more workmen would find employment. I believe I had occasion once before to state that there is no indusfry in existence that helps a community more than a ship building plant, for it takes no money out of a community, but, on the other hand, brings money in from other communities. Without considering the labor used in producing the material, half the cost in building a ship is in labor. The enactment of a shipping bill into law by congress would have the effect of bringing foreign capital into the United States; in fact, our nation would then, like a great magnet, draw additional wealth from the nations of the entire world. We would not only receive pay for the manufactured goods and breadstuffs we export, but would also reap the freight rates for carrying our own products which now go out in foreign bottoms. It is estimated that we pay annually the large sum of \$200,000,000 to foreign ship owners for carrying our commerce. It is this enormous sum which we wish to divert to America, where it rightfully belongs.

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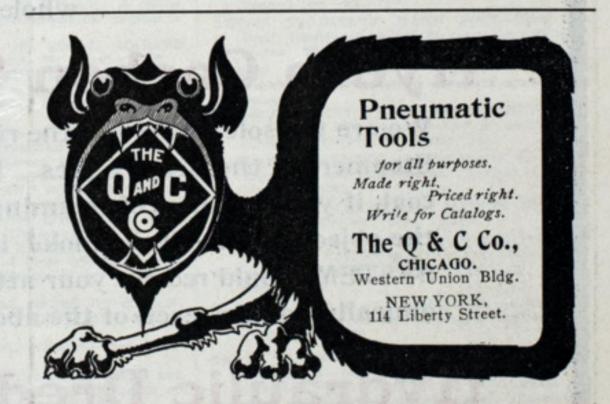
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under our laws, for no foreign ships are permitted to engage in either the lake or coastwise trade, and, as an inevitable result, this branch of commerce is in a prosperous condition, and the ship yards on the lakes have about as much work as they are able to turn out. The few merchant vessels that are being built on the seaboard are, in the main, for the coastwise and territorial trade. The acquisition of Porto Rico and the islands in the Pacific gave a spasmodic impetus to shipping, as vessels plying in this trade are required to fly the American flag, but it will not take long to supply a sufficient number of ships for this

"Great pritain's merchant marine made her great, and ship subsidies made the merchant marine. Nearly all the leading nations of the world have at some time paid subsidies and what America needs is a conservative shipping law, which will enable the country to resume the place she occupied in the maritime world before the civil war, when we were the greatest deep-sea carrying nation on the globe. There are many reasons why our merchant marine should be resuscitated, such as the enormous wealth it would add to this country, the employment it would give labor and the value of an auxiliary navy in the event of hostilities, but I shall not now take the time to enumerate and elaborate them. However, it is apparent that under existing conditions America cannot successfully compete with foreign ship builders, who have an advantage by reason of the low rate of wages they pay, and therefore our ship yards can only reasonably expect to build warships and vessels for the coastwise and lake trade. Occasionally some plucky American ship owners who are determined to enter the foreign trade undertake to operate American-built ships, but the experiment seldom meets with success. The American ship yards are equipped with up-to-date tools and appliances and supplied with skilled workmen, so that they can turn out crafts that will compare favorably with the production of any nation, and when congress enacts a law that will have for its object the upbuilding of the merchant marine, as I believe it will, a substantial growth of the ship building industry will result. A shipping bill is not a partisan measure, at least it should not be, but a law in which the whole nation is interested. The Newport News Ship Building & Dry Dock Co. has demonstrated that it can handle a vast amount of government work as well as ships for the merchant marine. It has proven by the work it has done that it not only has the facilities and the mechanical equipment, but it has the professional and mechanical skill necessary to produce the very best ships that have been constructed anywhere in the world during the past ten years. Notwithstanding the splendid record it has made in the past, it can and will do still better in the future."

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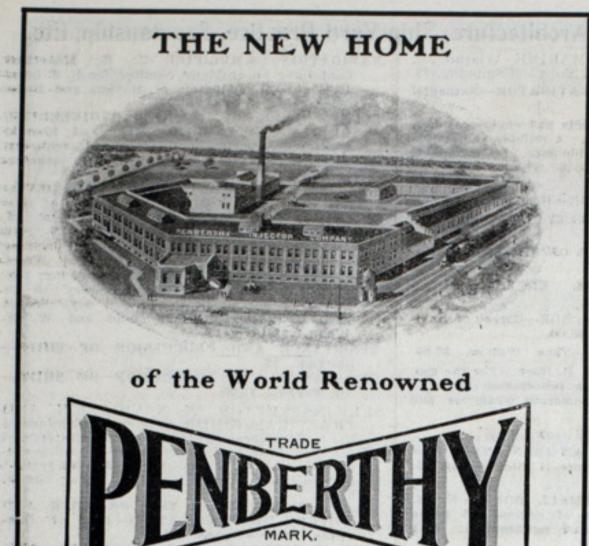
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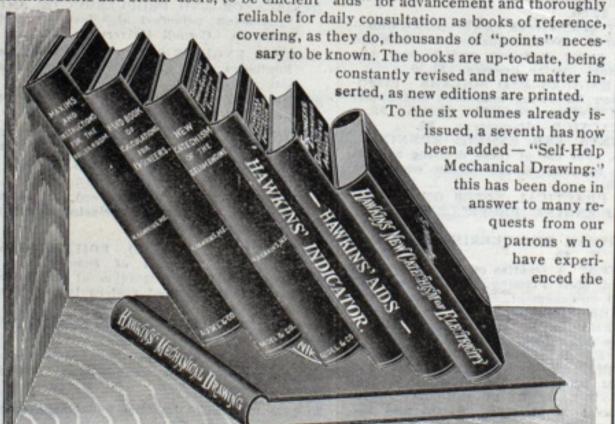
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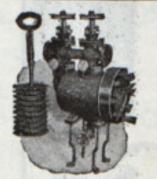
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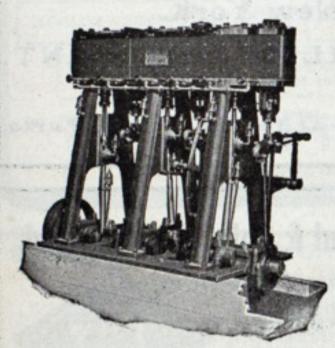
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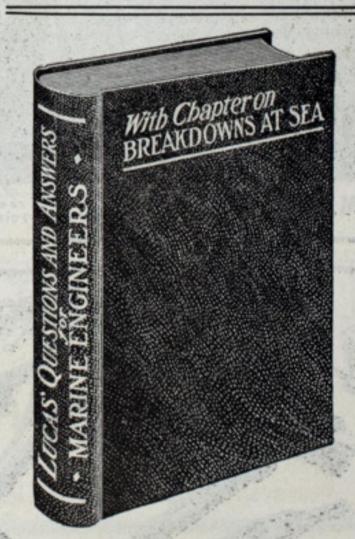
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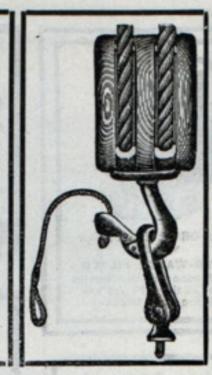
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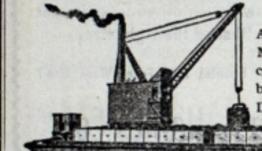
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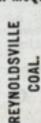
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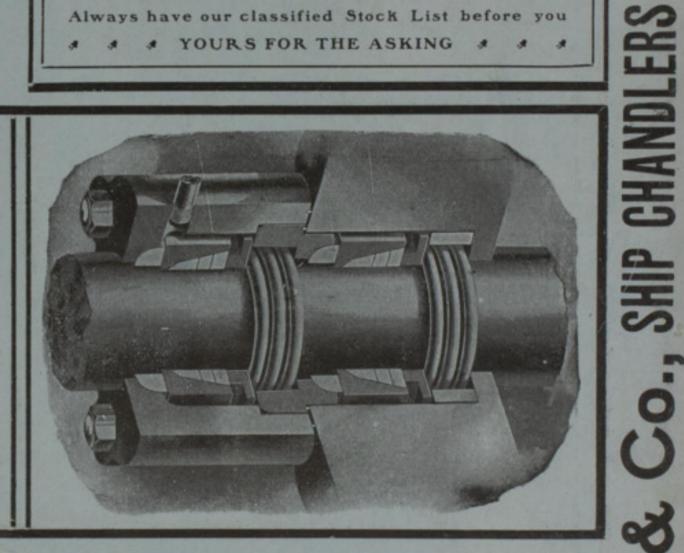
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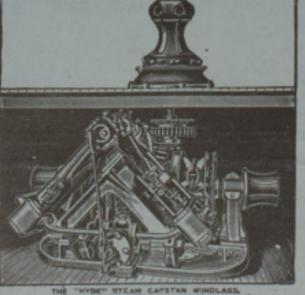
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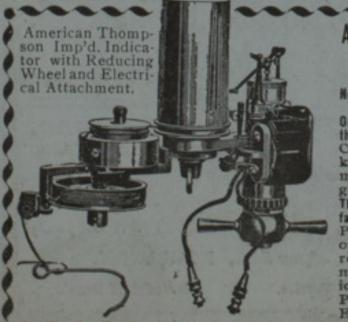
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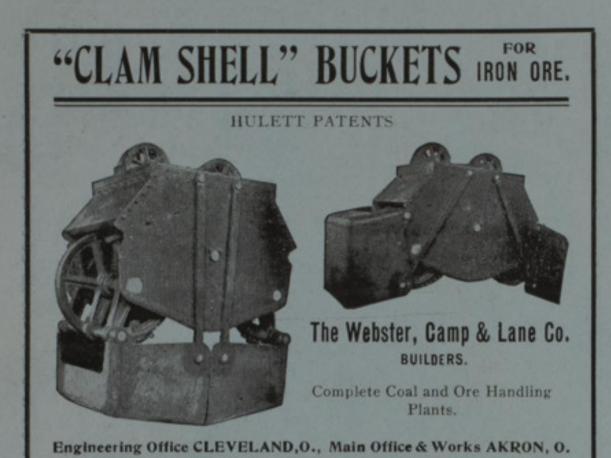
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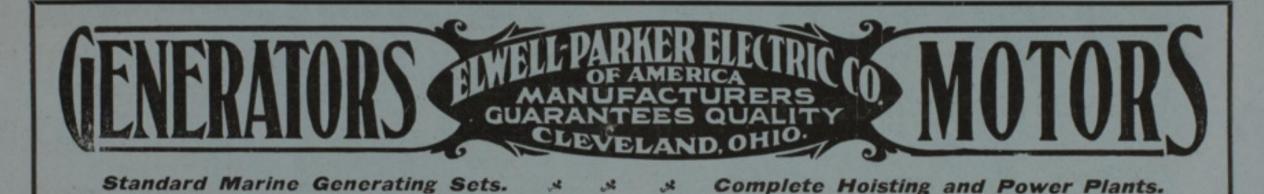
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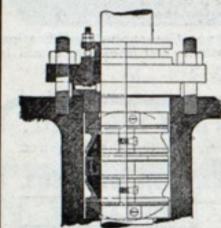
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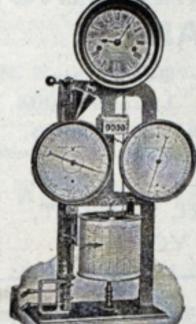
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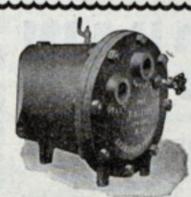
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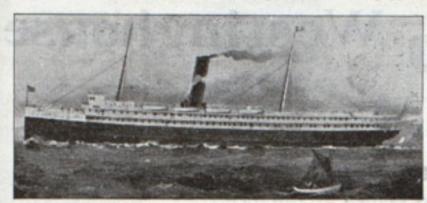
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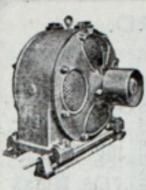


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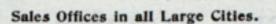


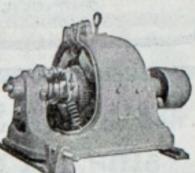
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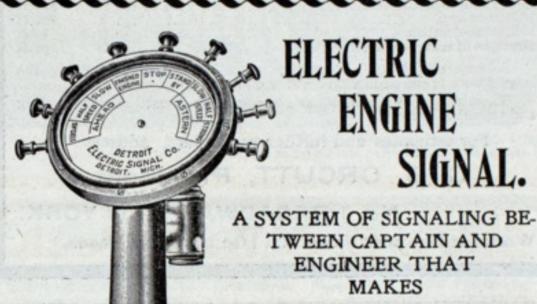
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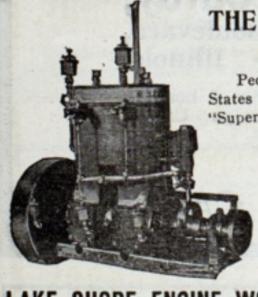
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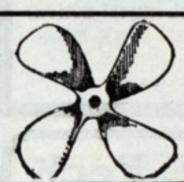
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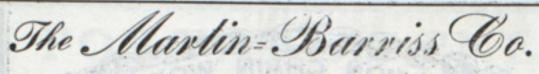
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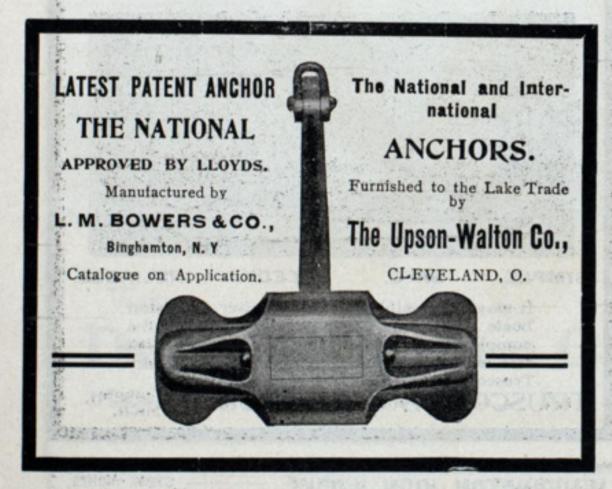
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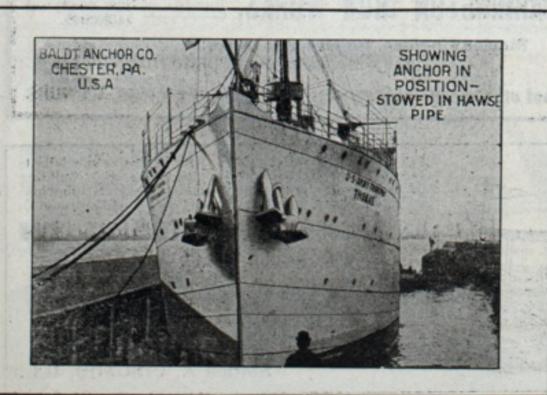
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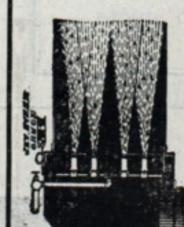
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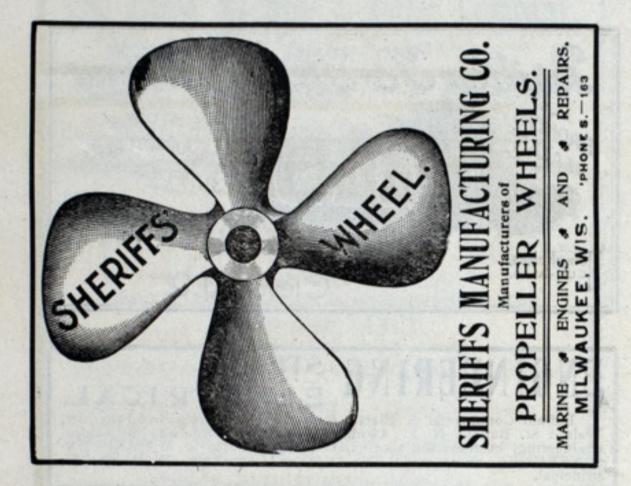
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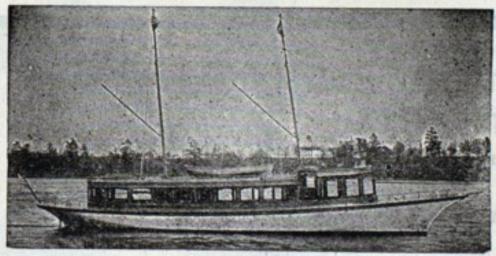
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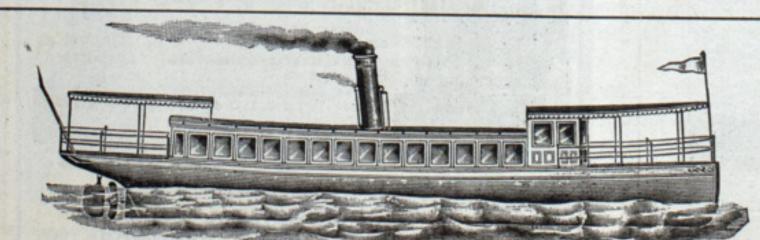
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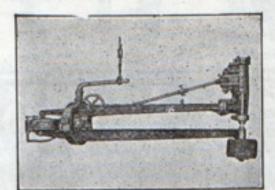
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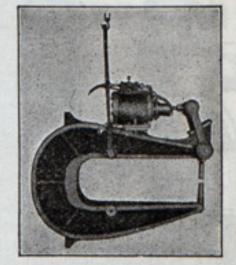
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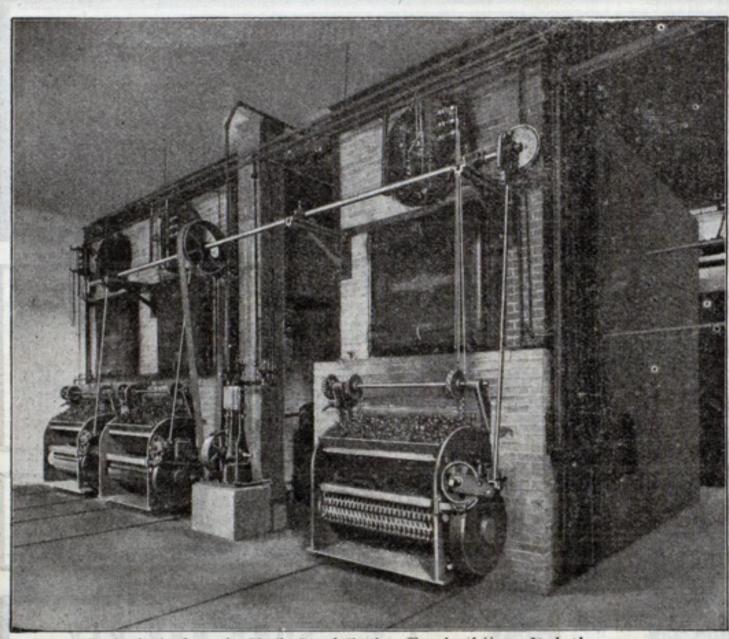
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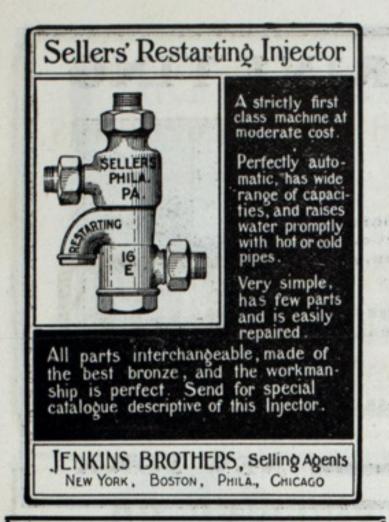
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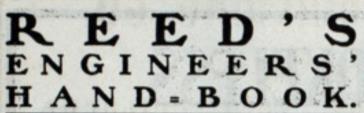
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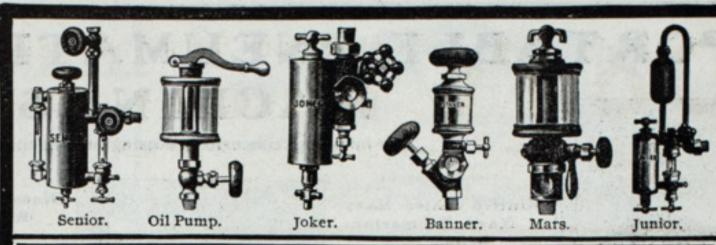
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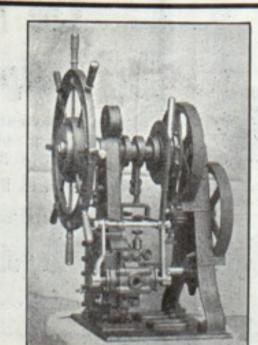
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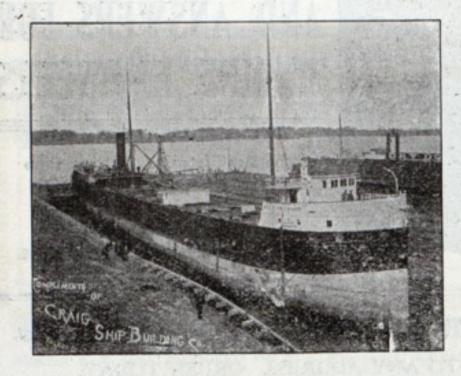
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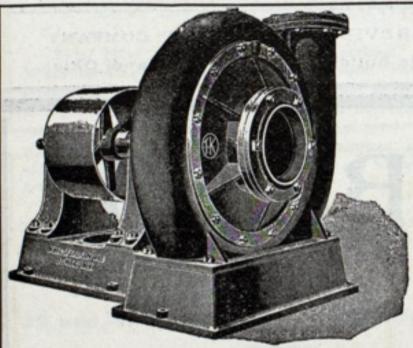
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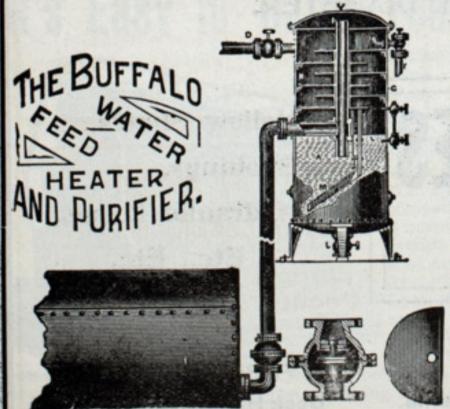
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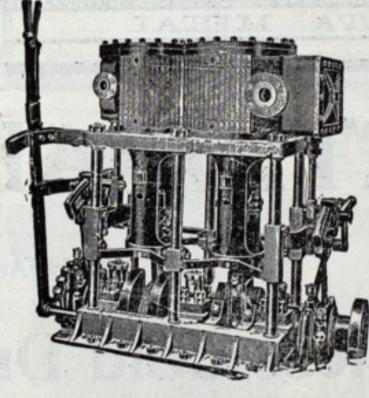


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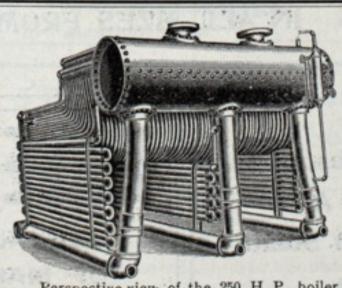
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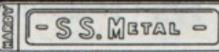
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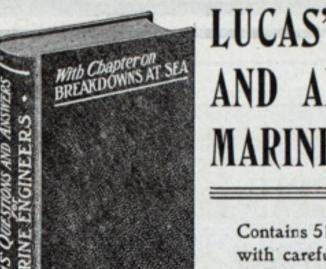
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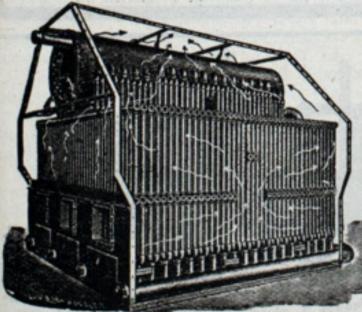
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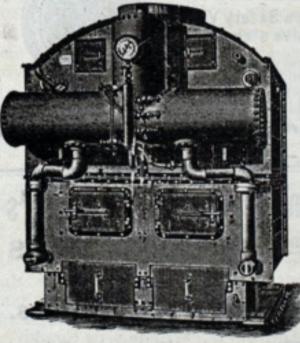
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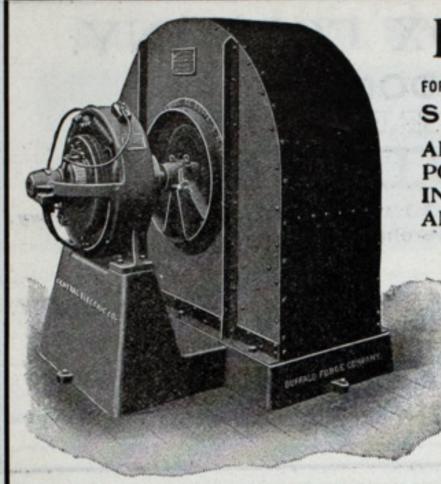
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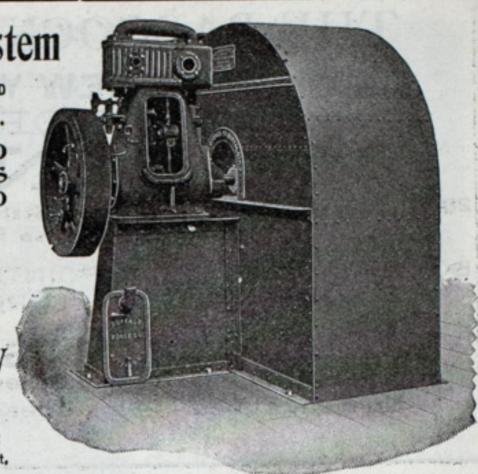
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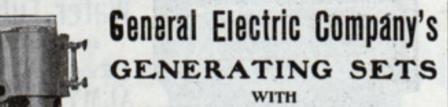
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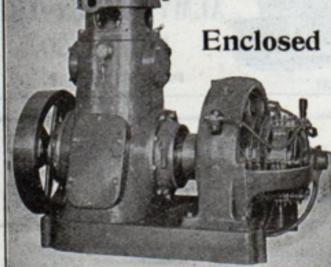
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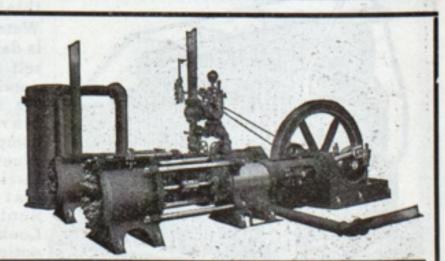
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